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OPERATOR'S MANUAL

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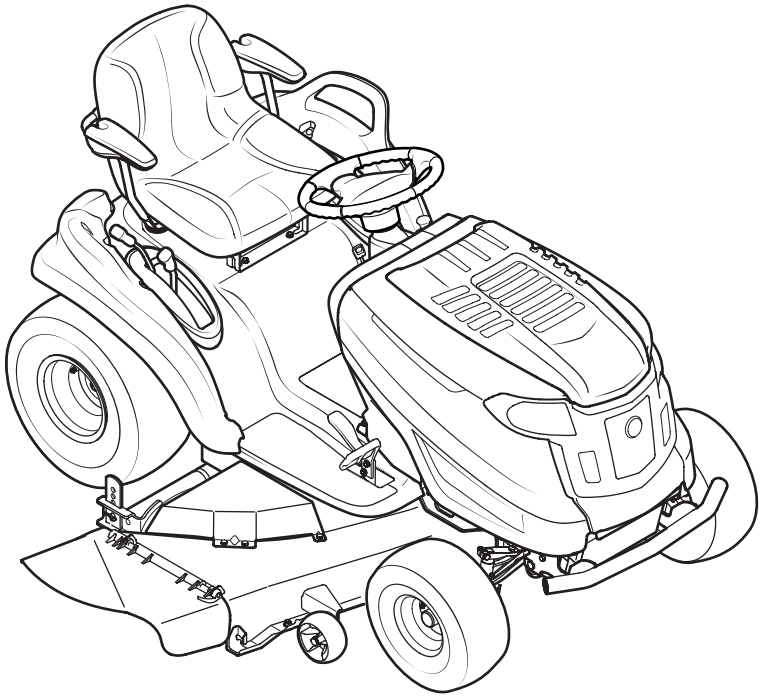

Hydrostatic Garden Tractor - Model Series 94K

⚠ WARNING

READ AND FOLLOW ALL SAFETY RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE THIS MACHINE.
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY.

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To The Owner

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Thank You

Thank you for purchasing your new equipment. It was carefully engineered to provide excellent performance when properly operated and maintained.

Please read this entire manual prior to operating the equipment. It instructs you how to safely and easily set up, operate and maintain your machine. Please be sure that you, and any other persons who will operate the machine, carefully follow the recommended safety practices at all times. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or property damage.

All information in this manual is relative to the most recent product information available at the time of printing. Review this manual frequently to familiarize yourself with the machine, its features and operation. Please be aware that this Operator's Manual may cover a range of product specifications for various models. Characteristics and features discussed and/or illustrated in this manual may not be applicable to all models.

The manufacturer reserves the right to change product specifications, designs and equipment without notice and without incurring obligation.

If you have any problems or questions concerning the machine, phone your local service dealer or contact us directly. Customer Support telephone numbers, website address and mailing address can be found on this page. We want to ensure your complete satisfaction at all times.

Throughout this manual, all references to *right* and *left* side of the machine are observed from the operating position.

The engine manufacturer is responsible for all engine-related issues with regards to performance, power-rating, specifications, warranty and service. Please refer to the engine manufacturer's Owner's/Operator's Manual, packed separately with your machine, for more information.

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Record Product Information

Before setting up and operating your new equipment, please locate the model plate on the equipment and record the information in the provided area to the right. You can locate the model plate under the operator's seat. Flip the seat forward to view the model plate. This information will be necessary, should you seek technical support via our web site or with your local dealer.

Model Number

Serial Number

Customer Support

If you have difficulty assembling this product or have any questions regarding the controls, operation, or maintenance of this machine, call an authorized dealer, see below.

Please have your unit's model number and serial number ready when you call. See previous section to locate this information.

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Important Safe Operation Practices

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WARNING: This symbol points out important safety instructions which, if not followed, could endanger the personal safety and/or property of yourself and others. Read and follow all instructions in this manual before attempting to operate this machine. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in personal injury.
When you see this symbol. **HEED ITS WARNING!**

WARNING: Engine Exhaust, some of its constituents, and certain vehicle components contain or emit chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

WARNING: Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. *Wash hands after handling.*

DANGER: This machine was built to be operated according to the safe operation practices in this manual. As with any type of power equipment, carelessness or error on the part of the operator can result in serious injury. This machine is capable of amputating fingers, hands, toes and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.

General Operation

1. Read, understand, and follow all instructions on the machine and in the manual(s) before attempting to assemble and operate. Keep this manual in a safe place for future and regular reference and for ordering replacement parts.
2. Be familiar with all controls and their proper operation. Know how to stop the machine and disengage them quickly.
3. Never allow children under 14 years of age to operate this machine. Children 14 and over should read and understand the instructions and safe operation practices in this manual and on the machine and should be trained and supervised by an adult.
4. Never allow adults to operate this machine without proper instruction.
5. To help avoid blade contact or a thrown object injury, keep bystanders, helpers, children and pets at least 75 feet from the machine while it is in operation. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
6. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones, toys, and other foreign objects which could be picked up and thrown by the blade(s). Thrown objects can cause serious personal injury.
7. Plan your mowing pattern to avoid discharge of material toward roads, sidewalks, bystanders and the like. Also, avoid discharging material against a wall or obstruction which may cause discharged material to ricochet back toward the operator.
8. Always wear safety glasses or safety goggles during operation and while performing an adjustment or repair to protect your eyes. Thrown objects which ricochet can cause serious injury to the eyes.
9. Wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes and close-fitting slacks and shirts. Loose fitting clothes and jewelry can be caught in movable parts. Never operate this machine in bare feet or sandals.
10. Be aware of the mower and attachment discharge direction and do not point it at anyone. Do not operate the mower without the discharge cover or entire grass catcher in its proper place.
11. Do not put hands or feet near rotating parts or under the cutting deck. Contact with the blade(s) can amputate hands and feet.
12. A missing or damaged discharge cover can cause blade contact or thrown object injuries.
13. Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads and while not cutting grass.
14. Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways. This machine is not intended for use on any public roadway.
15. Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

16. Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
17. Never carry passengers.
18. Disengage blade(s) before shifting into reverse. Back up slowly. Always look down and behind before and while backing to avoid a back-over accident.
19. Slow down before turning. Operate the machine smoothly. Avoid erratic operation and excessive speed.
20. Disengage blade(s), set parking brake, stop engine and wait until the blade(s) come to a complete stop before removing grass catcher, emptying grass, unclogging chute, removing any grass or debris, or making any adjustments.
21. Never leave a running machine unattended. Always turn off blade(s), place transmission in neutral, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key before dismounting.
22. Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck. This machine should not be driven up or down ramp(s), because the machine could tip over, causing serious personal injury. The machine must be pushed manually on ramp(s) to load or unload properly.
23. Muffler and engine become hot and can cause a burn. Do not touch.
24. Check overhead clearances carefully before driving under low hanging tree branches, wires, door openings etc., where the operator may be struck or pulled from the machine, which could result in serious injury.
25. Disengage all attachment clutches, depress the brake pedal completely and shift into neutral before attempting to start engine.
26. Your machine is designed to cut normal residential grass of a height no more than 10". Do not attempt to mow through unusually tall, dry grass (e.g., pasture) or piles of dry leaves. Dry grass or leaves may contact the engine exhaust and/or build up on the mower deck presenting a potential fire hazard.
27. Use only accessories and attachments approved for this machine by the machine manufacturer. Read, understand and follow all instructions provided with the approved accessory or attachment.
28. Data indicates that operators, age 60 years and above, are involved in a large percentage of riding mower-related injuries. These operators should evaluate their ability to operate the riding mower safely enough to protect themselves and others from serious injury.
29. If situations occur which are not covered in this manual, use care and good judgment. Contact your customer service representative for assistance.

Slope Operation

Slopes are a major factor related to loss of control and tip-over accidents which can result in severe injury or death. All slopes require extra caution. If you cannot back up the slope or if you feel uneasy on it, do not mow it.

For your safety, use the slope gauge included as part of this manual to measure slopes before operating this machine on a sloped or hilly area. If the slope is greater than 15 degrees as shown on the slope gauge, do not operate this machine on that area or serious injury could result.

Do:

1. Mow up and down slopes, not across. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
2. Watch for holes, ruts, bumps, rocks, or other hidden objects. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
3. Use slow speed. Choose a low enough speed setting so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope. Tires may lose traction on slopes even though the brakes are functioning properly. Always keep machine in gear when going down slopes to take advantage of engine braking action.
4. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights to improve stability.
5. Use extra care with grass catchers or other attachments. These can change the stability of the machine.
6. Keep all movement on the slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction. Rapid engagement or braking could cause the front of the machine to lift and rapidly flip over backwards which could cause serious injury.
7. Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blade(s) and proceed slowly straight down the slope.

Do Not:

1. Do not turn on slopes unless necessary; then, turn slowly and gradually downhill, if possible.
2. Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches or embankments. The mower could suddenly turn over if a wheel is over the edge of a cliff, ditch, or if an edge caves in.
3. Do not try to stabilize the machine by putting your foot on the ground.
4. Do not use a grass catcher on steep slopes.
5. Do not mow on wet grass. Reduced traction could cause sliding.
6. Do not shift to neutral and coast downhill. Over-speeding may cause the operator to lose control of the machine resulting in serious injury or death.
7. Do not tow heavy pull behind attachments (e.g. loaded dump cart, lawn roller, etc.) on slopes greater than 5 degrees. When going down hill, the extra weight tends to push the tractor and may cause you to loose control (e.g. tractor may speed up, braking and steering ability are reduced, attachment may jack-knife and cause tractor to overturn).

Children

1. Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the machine and the mowing activity. They do not understand the dangers. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.
    a. Keep children out of the mowing area and in watchful care of a responsible adult other than the operator.

b. Be alert and turn machine off if a child enters the area.

c. Before and while backing, look behind and down for small children.

d. Never carry children, even with the blade(s) shut off. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.

e. Use extreme care when approaching blind corners, doorways, shrubs, trees or other objects that may block your vision of a child who may run into the path of the machine.

f. **To avoid back-over accidents, always disengage the cutting blade(s) before shifting into Reverse. If equipped, the "Reverse Caution Mode" should not be used when children or others are around.**

g. Keep children away from hot or running engines. They can suffer burns from a hot muffler.

h. Remove key when machine is unattended to prevent unauthorized operation.

2. Never allow children under 14 years of age to operate this machine. Children 14 and over should read and understand the instructions and safe operation practices in this manual and on the machine and should be trained and supervised by an adult.

Towing

1. Tow only with a machine that has a hitch designed for towing. Do not attach towed equipment except at the hitch point.
2. Follow the manufacturers recommendation for weight limits for towed equipment and towing on slopes.
3. Never allow children or others in or on towed equipment.
4. On slopes, the weight of the towed equipment may cause loss of traction and loss of control.
5. Always use extra caution when towing with a machine capable of making tight turns (e.g. "zero-turn" ride-on mower). Make wide turns to avoid jack-knifing.
6. Travel slowly and allow extra distance to stop.
7. Do not shift to neutral and coast downhill.

Service

Safe Handling of Gasoline:

1. To avoid personal injury or property damage use extreme care in handling gasoline. **Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive.** Serious personal injury can occur when gasoline is spilled on yourself or your clothes which can ignite. Wash your skin and change clothes immediately.

    a. Use only an approved gasoline container.

    b. Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.

    c. When practical, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a trailer with a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.

    d. Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.

    e. Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other sources of ignition.

    f. Never fuel machine indoors.

    g. Never remove gas cap or add fuel while the engine is hot or running. Allow engine to cool at least two minutes before refueling.

    h. Never over fill fuel tank. Fill tank to no more than ½ inch below bottom of filler neck to allow space for fuel expansion.

    i. Replace gasoline cap and tighten securely.

    j. If gasoline is spilled, wipe it off the engine and equipment. Move machine to another area. Wait 5 minutes before starting the engine.

    k. To reduce fire hazards, keep machine free of grass, leaves, or other debris build-up. Clean up oil or fuel spillage and remove any fuel soaked debris.

    l. Never store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, spark or pilot light as on a water heater, space heater, furnace, clothes dryer or other gas appliances.

    m. Allow a machine to cool at least five minutes before storing.

General Service

1. Never run an engine indoors or in a poorly ventilated area. Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, an odorless, and deadly gas.
2. Before cleaning, repairing, or inspecting, make certain the blade(s) and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire and ground against the engine to prevent unintended starting.
3. Periodically check to make sure the blades come to complete stop within approximately (5) five seconds after operating the blade disengagement control. If the blades do not stop within the this time frame, your machine should be serviced professionally by an authorized Service Dealer.
4. Check brake operation frequently as it is subjected to wear during normal operation. Adjust and service as required.
5. Check the blade(s) and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness. Also, visually inspect blade(s) for damage (e.g., excessive wear, bent, cracked). Replace the blade(s) with the original equipment manufacturer's (O.E.M.) blade(s) only, listed in this manual. "Use of parts which do not meet the original equipment specifications may lead to improper performance and compromise safety!"

6. Mower blades are sharp. Wrap the blade or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.
7. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
8. Never tamper with the safety interlock system or other safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
9. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, disconnect the spark plug wire(s) and ground against the engine. Thoroughly inspect the machine for any damage. Repair the damage before starting and operating.
10. Never attempt to make adjustments or repairs to the machine while the engine is running.
11. Grass catcher components and the discharge cover are subject to wear and damage which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown. For safety protection, frequently check components and replace immediately with original equipment manufacturer's (O.E.M.) parts only, listed in this manual. "Use of parts which do not meet the original equipment specifications may lead to improper performance and compromise safety!"
12. Do not change the engine governor settings or over-speed the engine. The governor controls the maximum safe operating speed of the engine.
13. Maintain or replace safety and instruction labels, as necessary.
14. Observe proper disposal laws and regulations for gas, oil, etc. to protect the environment.
15. According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), this product has an *Average Useful Life* of seven (7) years, or 270 hours of operation. At the end of the *Average Useful Life* have the machine inspected annually by an authorized service dealer to ensure that all mechanical and safety systems are working properly and not worn excessively. Failure to do so can result in accidents, injuries or death.

Do not modify engine

To avoid serious injury or death, do not modify engine in any way. Tampering with the governor setting can lead to a runaway engine and cause it to operate at unsafe speeds. Never tamper with factory setting of engine governor.

Notice Regarding Emissions

Engines which are certified to comply with California and federal EPA emission regulations for SORE (Small Off Road Equipment) are certified to operate on regular unleaded gasoline, and may include the following emission control systems: Engine Modification (EM), Oxidizing Catalyst (OC), Secondary Air Injection (SAI) and Three Way Catalyst (TWC) if so equipped.

Spark Arrestor

WARNING! This machine is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brushcovered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any).

If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator.

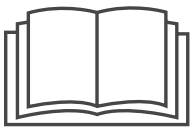
A spark arrester for the muffler is available through your nearest engine authorized service dealer.

WARNING! Your Responsibility—Restrict the use of this power machine to persons who read, understand and follow the warnings and instructions in this manual and on the machine.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!

Safety Symbols

This page depicts and describes safety symbols that may appear on this product. Read, understand, and follow all instructions on the machine before attempting to assemble and operate.

Symbol	Description
	READ THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL(S) Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual(s) before attempting to assemble and operate
	DANGER— ROTATING BLADES Never carry passengers. Never carry children, even with the blades off.
	DANGER— ROTATING BLADES Always look down and behind before and while backing to avoid a back-over accident.
	WARNING— ROTATING BLADES Do not put hands or feet near rotating parts or under the cutting deck. Contact with the blade(s) can amputate hands and feet.
	WARNING—THROWN OBJECTS This machine may pick up and throw and objects which can cause serious personal injury.
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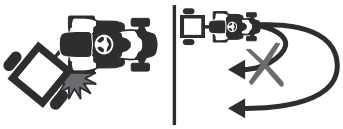
	BYSTANDERS Keep bystanders, helpers, children and pets at least 75 feet from the machine while it is in operation.
	WARNING— SLOPE OPERATION Do not operate this machine on a slope greater than 15 degrees.
	WARNING— HOT SURFACE Engine parts, especially the muffler, become extremely hot during operation. Allow engine and muffler to cool before touching.
	DANGER — ROTATING BLADES To reduce the risk of injury, keep hands and feet away. Do not operate unless discharge cover or grass catcher is in its proper place. If damaged, replace immediately.
	WARNING — TOWING Avoid jack-knifing when towing, go slow and make wide turns.

Slope Gauge

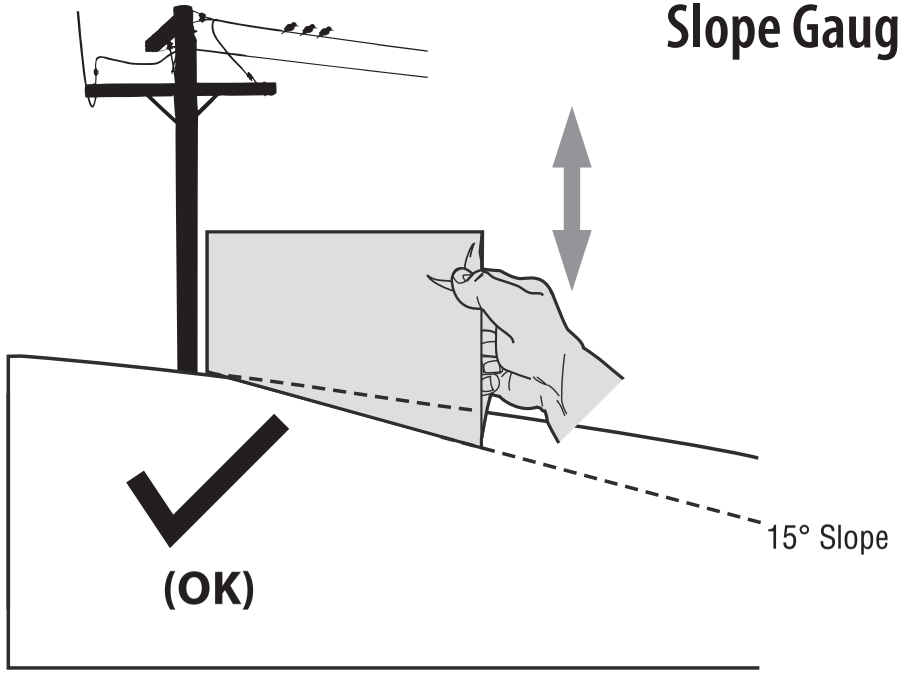


Figure 1

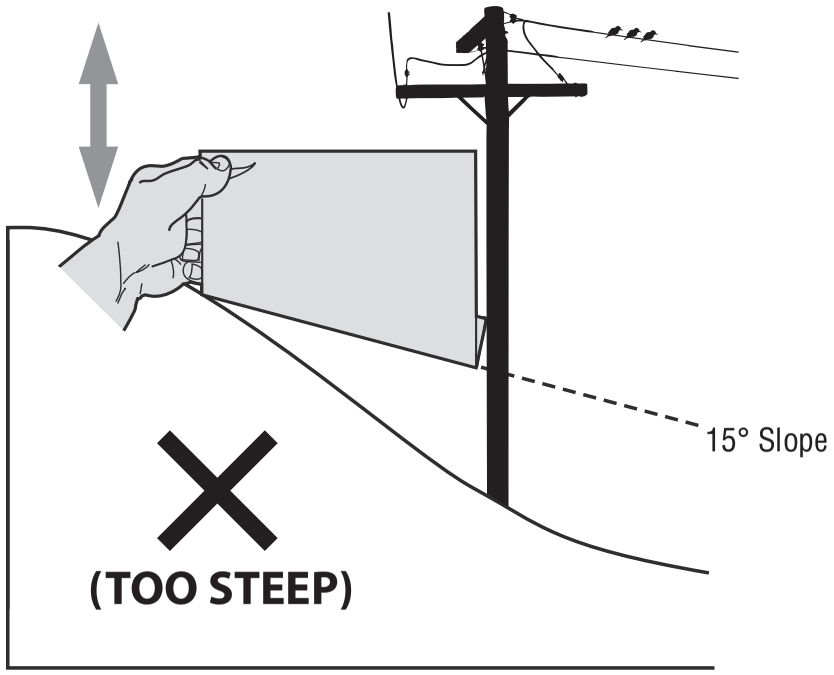


Figure 2

15° dashed line

USE THIS SLOPE GAUGE TO DETERMINE IF A SLOPE IS TOO STEEP FOR SAFE OPERATION!

To check the slope, proceed as follows:

1. Remove this page and fold along the dashed line.
2. Locate a vertical object on or behind the slope (e.g. a pole, building, fence, tree, etc.)
3. Align either side of the slope gauge with the object (See Figure 1 and Figure 2).
4. Adjust gauge up or down until the left corner touches the slope (See Figure 1 and Figure 2).
5. If there is a gap below the gauge, the slope is too steep for safe operation (See Figure 2 above).

WARNING! Slopes are a major factor related to tip-over and roll-over accidents which can result in severe injury or death. Do not operate machine on slopes in excess of 15 degrees. All slopes require extra caution. If you cannot back up the slope or if you feel uneasy on it, do not mow it. Always mow up and down slopes, never across the face of slopes.

Assembly & Set-Up

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Contents of Crate

- One Garden Tractor
- One Garden Tractor Operator's Manual
- One Oil Drain Tube
- One Engine Operator's Manual
- One Deck Wash Hose Coupler
- One Product Registration Card

Tractor Set-Up

Moving The Tractor Manually

Your tractor's transmission is equipped with a hydrostatic relief valve for occasions when it is necessary to move the tractor manually. Opening this valve permits the fluid in the transmission to bypass its normal route, allowing the rear tires to "freewheel." To open the hydrostatic relief valve, proceed as follows:

1. Locate the hydrostatic bypass rod in the rear of the tractor. See Fig. 3-1.

NOTE: Bypass rods may vary by model, however the basic operation is still the same. The bypass rod must be pulled outward to allow the rear wheels to "freewheel."

2. Pull the hydrostatic bypass rod outward, then down, to lock it in place. The hydrostatic transmission is now in the disengaged position.
   On some tractors, pull the hydrostatic bypass rod outward until you feel it "click" into the disengaged position.
3. Pull the hydrostatic bypass rod outward, then up, to lock it in place.

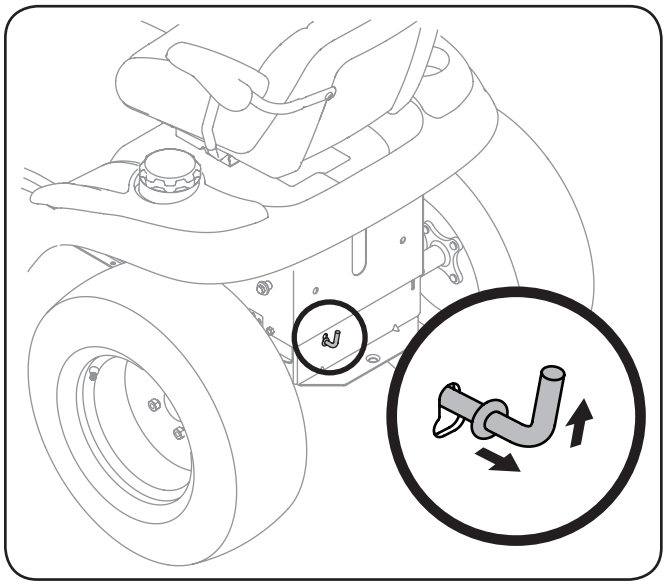

Figure 3-1

NOTE: The transmission will NOT engage when the hydrostatic bypass rod is pulled out. Return the rod to its normal position prior to operating the tractor.

CAUTION: Never attempt to move the tractor manually without first opening the hydrostatic relief valve. Doing so will result in serious damage to the tractor's transmission.

SHIPPING Brace Removal

WARNING! Make sure the garden tractor's engine is off, set the parking brake and remove the ignition key before removing the shipping brace.

1. Locate the shipping brace, if present, and warning tag found on the right side of the cutting deck. See Fig. 3-2.

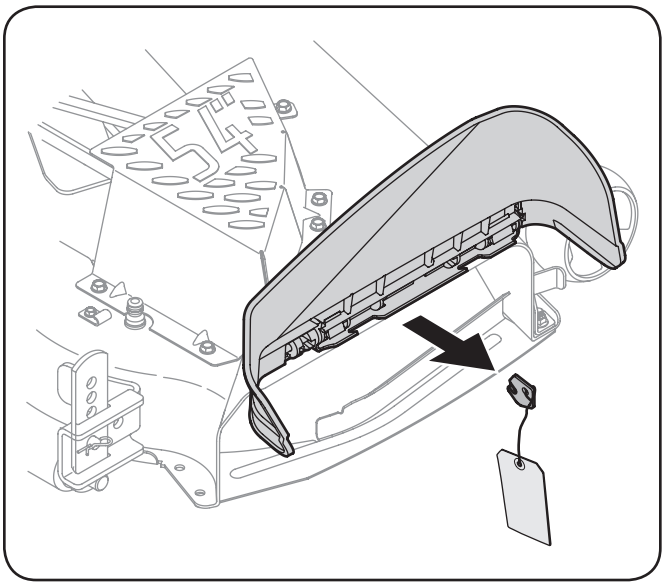

Figure 3-2

2. While holding the discharge chute with your left hand, remove the shipping brace with your right hand by grasping it between your thumb and index finger and rotating it clockwise.

WARNING! The shipping brace is used for packaging purposes only. Remove and discard the shipping brace before operating your garden tractor.

WARNING! The mowing deck is capable of throwing objects. Failure to operate the riding mower without the discharge cover in the proper operating position could result in serious personal injury and/or property damage.

Connecting the Battery Cables

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Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

CAUTION: When attaching battery cables, always connect the POSITIVE (Red) wire to its terminal first, followed by the NEGATIVE (Black) wire.

For shipping reasons, both battery cables on your equipment may have been left disconnected from the terminals at the factory. To connect the battery cables, proceed as follows:

NOTE: The positive battery terminal is marked Pos. (+). The negative battery terminal is marked Neg. (–).

NOTE: If the positive battery cable is already attached, skip ahead to step 2.

1. Remove the plastic cover, if present, from the positive battery terminal and attach the red cable to the positive battery terminal (+) with the bolt and hex nut. See Fig. 3-3.

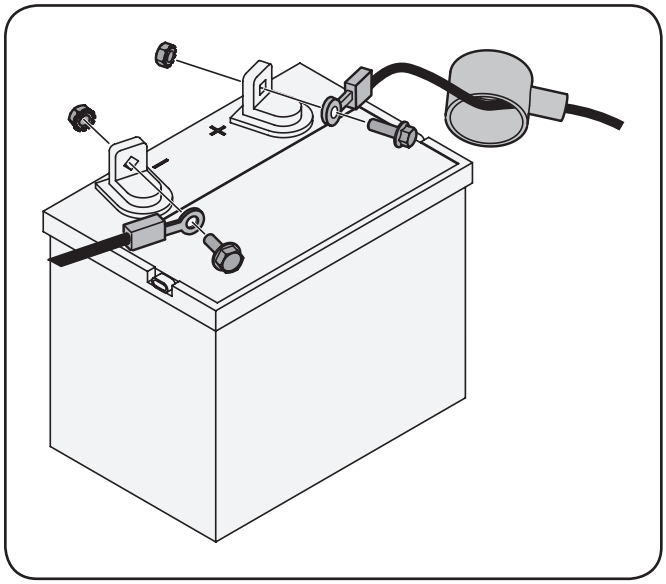

Figure 3-3

2. Remove the plastic cover, if present, from the negative battery terminal and attach the black cable to the negative battery terminal (–) with the bolt and hex nut. See Fig. 3-3.
3. Position the red rubber boot over the positive battery terminal to help protect it from corrosion.

NOTE: If the battery is put into service after the date shown on top/side of battery, charge the battery as instructed in the Maintenance section your Operator's Manual prior to operating the tractor.

Checking Tire Pressure

WARNING! Never exceed the maximum inflation pressure shown on the sidewall of the tire. Do not overinflate tires. Check sidewall of tires for maximum psi. Equal tire pressure should be maintained at all times.

The tires on your tractor may be over inflated for shipping purposes. Reduce the tire pressure before operating the tractor. Check sidewall of tires for maximum psi.

Setting the Deck Gauge Wheels and Roller

Move the tractor on a firm and level surface, preferably pavement, and proceed as follows

1. Select the height position of the cutting deck by placing the deck lift lever in the normally desired mowing height setting (any of the six different cutting height notches on the right fender).
2. Check the gauge wheels for contact or excessive clearance with the surface below. The deck gauge wheels should have between ¼-inch and ½-inch clearance above the ground.

If the gauge wheels have excessive clearance or contact with the surface, adjust as follows:

a. Raise the deck lift handle to its highest setting.

b. Remove the front gauge wheels by removing the lock nuts and shoulder screws which secure them to the deck. See Fig. 3-4

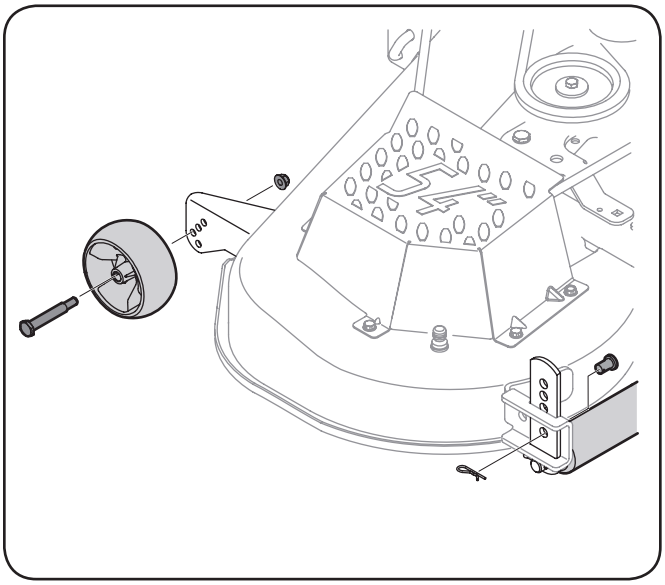

Figure 3-4

c. Place the deck lift lever in the desired mowing height setting.

d. Reinsert the shoulder screw (with each gauge wheel) into the index hole that leaves approximately ½-inch between the bottom of the wheel and the pavement.

e. Remove the clevis pins and hairpin clips from the deck roller brackets on the left and right sides of the cutting deck. See Fig. 3-4.

f. Position the deck roller brackets up or down through the slots on the rear of the deck until desired position is reached, then reattach with the clevis pins and hairpin clips just removed. Be certain that the left roller bracket and the right roller bracket are set in the same position.

Refer to Leveling the Deck in the Maintenance section of this manual for more detailed instructions regarding various deck adjustments.

Adjusting the Seat

To adjust the position of the seat, pull up and hold the seat adjustment lever. Slide the seat forward or rearward to the desired position; then release the adjustment lever. Make sure seat is locked into position before operating the tractor. See Fig. 3-5.

WARNING! Before operating the tractor, make sure the seat is engaged in the seat-stop. Engage the parking brake. Stand behind the machine and pull back on seat until it clicks into place.

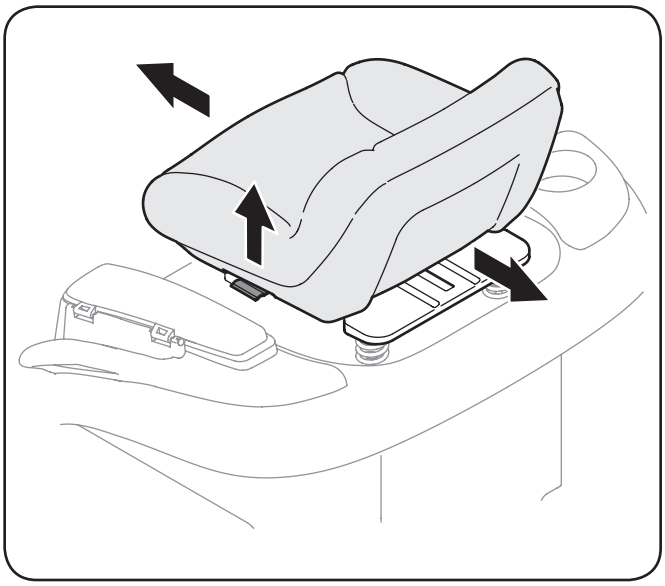

Figure 3-5

Gas and Oil

The fuel tank is located under the hood. Remove the fuel cap by turning it counterclockwise. Use only clean, fresh (no more than 30 days old), unleaded gasoline. Do not overfill the tank.

WARNING! Use extreme care when handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive. Never fuel the machine indoors or while the engine is hot or running. Extinguish cigarettes, cigars, pipes and all other sources of ignition.

IMPORTANT: Be sure to STOP filling tank once fuel is seen inside the filler neck. This ensures that a proper expansion volume is created. Do NOT top off the tank. See Figure 3-6.

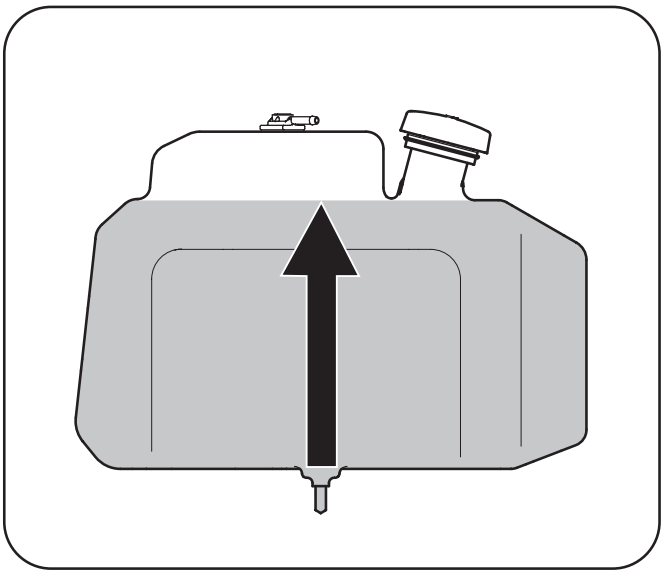

Figure 3-6

NOTE: Your tractor is shipped with oil in the engine. However, you MUST check the oil level before operating.

CAUTION: Always check the engine oil level before each use as instructed in the Engine Owner's Manual. Add oil as necessary. Failure to do so may result in serious damage to your engine

Controls and Features

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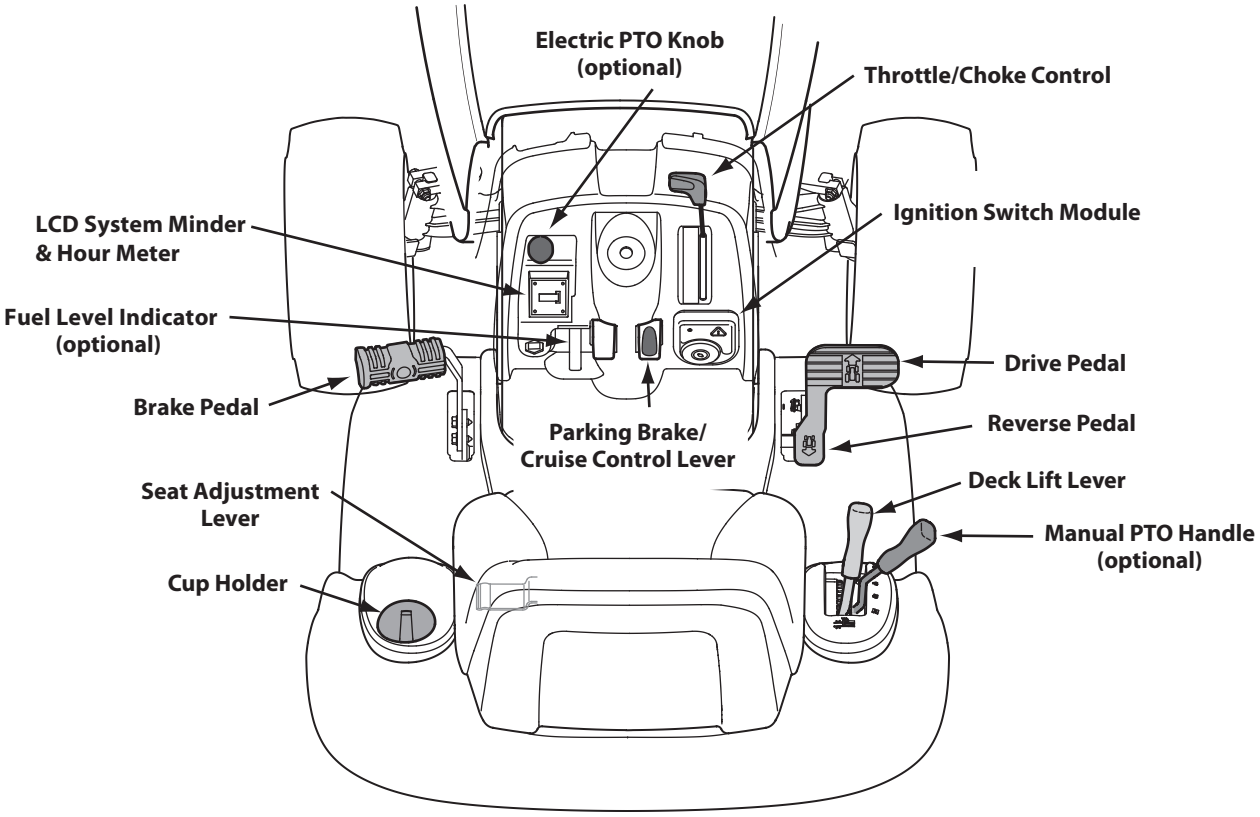


NOTE: Certain parts have been removed from the illustration for clarity.

Figure 4-1

Lawn Tractor controls and features are illustrated in Fig. 4-1 and described on the following pages.

WARNING! Read and follow all safety rules and instructions in this manual, including the entire Operation section, before attempting to operate this machine. Failure to comply with all safety rules and instructions may result in personal injury.

Throttle / Choke Control

The throttle/choke control is located on the right side of the tractor's dash panel. This lever controls the speed of the engine and, when pushed all the way forward, closes the choke for cold starting. When set in a given position, the throttle will maintain a uniform engine speed.

NOTE: When operating the tractor with the cutting deck engaged, be certain that the throttle/choke control is always in the FAST (rabbit) position.

Brake Pedal

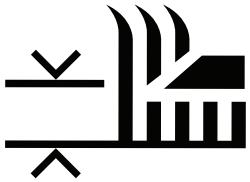
The brake pedal is located on the left front side of the tractor along the running board. The brake pedal can be used for sudden stops or setting the parking brake.

NOTE: The brake pedal must be fully depressed to activate the safety interlock switch when starting the tractor.

Seat Adjustment Lever (Not Seen)

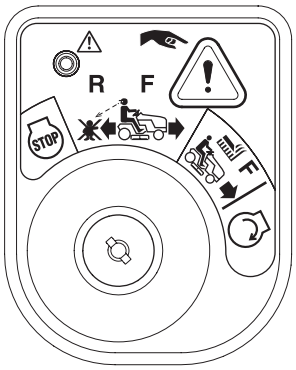
The seat adjustment lever is located below the front/left of the seat. The lever allows for adjustment of the fore to aft position of the operator's seat. Refer to the Assembly and Set-Up section of this manual for more detailed instructions.

Deck Lift Lever



Found on your tractor's right fender, the deck lift lever is used to change the height of the cutting deck. To use, move the lever to the left, then place in the notch best suited for your application.

Ignition Switch Module



WARNING! Never leave a running machine unattended. Always disengage PTO, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key to prevent unintended starting.

To start the engine, insert the key into the ignition switch and turn clockwise to the START position. Release the key into the NORMAL MOWING MODE position once the engine has fired.

To stop the engine, turn the ignition key counterclockwise to the STOP position.

CAUTION: Prior to operating the tractor, refer to both Safety Interlock Switches and Starting The Engine in the Operation section of this manual for detailed instructions regarding the Ignition Switch Module and operating the tractor in REVERSE CAUTION MODE.

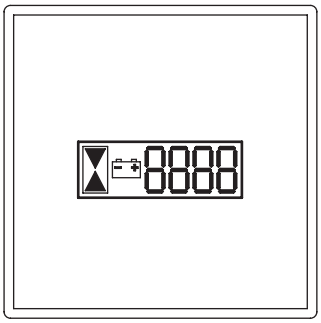
Drive Pedal

The drive pedal is located on the right side of the tractor, along the running board. Press the drive pedal forward to cause the tractor to travel forward. Ground speed is also controlled with the drive pedal. The further forward that the pedal is pivoted, the faster the tractor will travel. The pedal will return to its original position when it's not pressed.

Reverse Pedal

The reverse pedal is located on the right side of the tractor along the running board. Ground speed is also controlled with the reverse pedal. The further downward the pedal is pivoted, the faster the tractor will travel. The pedal will return to its original position when it's not pressed.

LCD Service Minder & Hour Meter

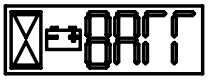


When the ignition key is rotated out of the STOP position but not into the START position, the LCD Service Minder and Hour Meter will briefly disply the battery voltage, followed by the tractor's accumulated hours.

NOTE: Hours of tractor operation are recorded any time the ignition key is rotated out of the STOP position, regardless of whether the engine is started.

The LCD Service Minder will remind the operator of maintenance intervals for changing the engine oil, air filter service, low engine and low battery warnings.

Change Oil



The LCD will display the letters "CHG", followed by the letters "OIL", followed by the letters "SOON", then finally followed by the meter's accumulated time. "CHG/OIL/SOON/TIME" will alternate on the display for 7 minutes after the meter reaches 50 hours. This oil service minder intervall will occur every 50 hours. Before the interval expires, change the engine oil as instructed in the Maintenance section of this Operator's Manual.

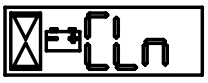
Low Oil

The letters "LO" followed by the letters "OIL", then followed by the meter's accumulated time will indicate the tractor is low on oil. Stop the tractor immediately and check the engine oil level as instructed in this Owner's Manual.

Low Battery

At startup, the battery voltage is briefly displayed then changes to accumulated hours. The letters "LO" will display followed by the letters "BATT" and then followedyby the meter's accumlulated time. "LO/BATT/TIME" is displayed on the LCD when the voltage drops below 11.5 volts. When this occurs, the battery is in need of a charge or the engine's charging system is not generating sufficient amperage. Charge the battery as instructed in the Service section of this manual or have the charging system checked by your local service dealer.

Air Filter Service



The letters "CLN" will display, followed by the letters "AIR", followed by "FILT", then followed by the meter's accumulated time. "CLN/AIR/FILT/TIME" will alternate on the display for 7 minutes after the meter reachges 25 hours. This air filter service minder time interval will be every 25 hours. On intervalls that are common with oil service, the oil message will be diplayed first followed by the air filter message.

Fuel Level Indicator (optional)

The Fuel Level Indicator is located on the left side of the tractor's dash and indicates the amount of fuel in the gas tank.

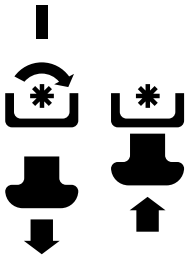
PTO / Blade Engage Handle (If Equipped)

Activating the PTO engages power to the cutting deck or other (separately available) attachments. Push forward on the PTO/ Blade Engage handle to activate it. Pull the PTO/ Blade Engage handle back to disengage the power to the cutting deck or other (separately available) attachments.

NOTE: The PTO/Blade Engage handle must be in the disengaged (OFF) position when starting the engine.

Electric PTO (Blade Engage) Knob (If Equipped)

To engage the power to the cutting deck or other (separately available) attachments on models equipped with an electric PTO, pull outward on the PTO (Blade Engage) knob. Push the PTO (Blade Engage) knob inward to disengage the power to the cutting deck.



NOTE: The PTO (Blade Engage) knob must be in the disengaged (OFF) position when starting the engine, when traveling in reverse and if the operator leaves the seat.

Parking Brake/ Cruise Control Lever

Located in the center of the tractor's dash panel below the steering wheel, the Parking Brake/Cruise Control lever is used to engage the parking brake and the cruise control Refer to the Operation section of this manual for detailed instructions regarding the parking brake.

NOTE: The parking brake must be set if the operator leaves the seat with the engine running or the engine will automatically shut off.

NOTE: Cruise control can NOT be engaged at the tractor's fastest ground speed. If the operator should attempt to do so, the tractor will automatically decelerate to the fastest optimal mowing ground speed.

WARNING! Never leave a running machine unattended. Always disengage PTO, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key to prevent unintended starting.

⚠ WARNING

TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH

- **GO UP AND DOWN SLOPES, NOT ACROSS.**
- **AVOID SUDDEN TURNS.**
- **DO NOT OPERATE THE UNIT WHERE IT COULD SLIP OR TIP.**
- **IF MACHINE STOPS GOING UPHILL, STOP BLADE(S) AND BACK DOWNHILL SLOWLY.**
- **KEEP SAFETY DEVICES (GUARDS, SHIELDS, AND SWITCHES, ETC.) IN PLACE AND WORKING.**
- **REMOVE OBJECTS THAT COULD BE THROWN BY THE BLADE(S).**
- **KNOW LOCATION AND FUNCTION OF ALL CONTROLS.**
- **BE SURE BLADE(S) AND ENGINE ARE STOPPED BEFORE PLACING HANDS OR FEET NEAR BLADE(S).**
- **BEFORE LEAVING OPERATOR'S POSITION, DISENGAGE BLADE(S), ENGAGE PARKING BRAKE, SHUT OFF AND REMOVE KEY.**

READ OPERATOR'S MANUAL

Safety Interlock Switches

This tractor is equipped with a safety interlock system for the protection of the operator. If the interlock system should ever malfunction, do not operate the tractor. Contact your local dealer.

- The safety interlock system prevents the engine from cranking or starting unless the parking brake is engaged, and the PTO (Blade Engage) knob is in the disengaged (OFF) position.
- The engine will automatically shut off if the operator leaves the seat before engaging the parking brake.
- The electric PTO (Blade Engage) clutch will automatically shut off if the operator leaves the tractor's seat with the PTO (Blade Engage) knob in the engaged (ON) position, regardless of whether the parking brake is engaged.
- With the ignition key in the NORMAL MOWING position, the electric PTO (Blade Engage) clutch will automatically shut off if the PTO (Blade Engage) knob is moved into the engaged (ON) position with the drive pedal in position for reverse travel.

WARNING! Do not operate the tractor if the interlock system is malfunctioning. This system was designed for your safety and protection.

Starting the Engine

WARNING! Do not operate the tractor if the interlock system is malfunctioning. This system was designed for your safety and protection.

NOTE: Refer to the Assembly & Set-Up section of this manual for Gasoline and Oil fill-up instructions.

1. Insert the tractor key into the ignition switch module.
2. Place the PTO (Blade Engage) lever (knob) in the disengaged (OFF) position.
3. Engage the tractor's parking brake.
4. Activate the choke control by moving the throttle/choke control all the way forward into the choke position.
5. Turn the ignition key clockwise to the START position. After the engine starts, release the key. It will return to the NORMAL MOWING position.

CAUTION: Do NOT hold the key in the START position for longer than ten seconds at a time. Doing so may cause damage to your engine's electric starter.

6. After the engine starts, deactivate the choke control.
7. Allow the engine to run for a few minutes at mid throttle before moving throttle to the FAST position.

NOTE: Do NOT leave the choke control on while operating the tractor. Doing so will result in a "rich" fuel mixture and cause the engine to run poorly.

Stopping the Engine

WARNING! If you strike a foreign object, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire(s). Thoroughly inspect the machine for any damage. Repair the damage before restarting and operating.

1. If the blades are engaged, place the PTO/Blade Engage lever in the disengaged (OFF) position.
2. Place the throttle control near the SLOW position
3. Turn the ignition key counterclockwise to the STOP position.
4. Remove the key from the ignition switch to prevent unintended starting.

Driving The Tractor

WARNING! Avoid sudden starts, excessive speed and sudden stops.

1. Lightly press the brake pedal to release the parking brake. Move the throttle lever into the FAST (rabbit) position.
2. To travel FORWARD, slowly press the drive pedal forward until the desired speed is achieved. See Fig. 5-1.
3. To travel in REVERSE, check that the area behind is clear then slowly depress the reverse pedal with the ball of your foot (NOT your heel) until the desired speed is achieved. See Fig. 5-1.

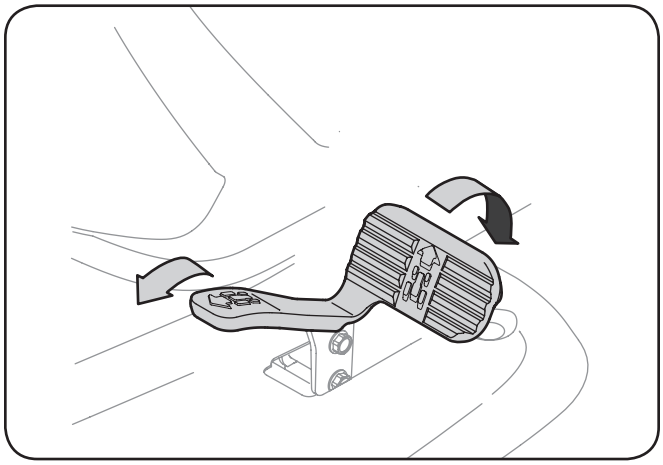


Figure 5-1

CAUTION: Do NOT attempt to change the direction of travel when the tractor is in motion. Always bring the tractor to a complete stop before moving from forward to reverse or vice versa.

WARNING! Do not leave the seat of the tractor without first placing the PTO/Blade Engage lever in the disengaged (OFF) position and engaging the parking brake. If leaving the tractor unattended, also turn the engine off and remove the ignition key.

Reverse Caution Mode

The REVERSE CAUTION MODE position of the key switch module allows the tractor to be operated in reverse with the blades (PTO) engaged.

NOTE: Mowing in reverse is not recommended.

WARNING! Use extreme caution while operating the tractor in the REVERSE CAUTION MODE. Always look down and behind before and while backing. Do not operate the tractor when children or others are around. Stop the tractor immediately if someone enters the area.

To use the REVERSE CAUTION MODE:

NOTE: The operator MUST be seated in the tractor seat.

1. Start the engine as previously instructed on the previous page.
2. Turn the key from the NORMAL MOWING (Green) position to the REVERSE CAUTION MODE (Yellow) position of the key switch module. See Fig. 5-2.

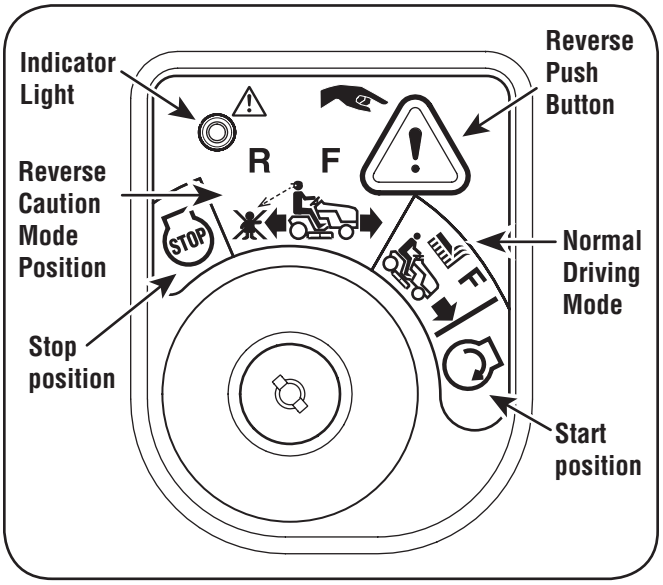


Figure 5-2

3. Press the REVERSE PUSH BUTTON (Orange, Triangular Button) at the top, right corner of the key switch module. The red indicator light at the top, left corner of the key switch module will be ON while activated. See Fig. 5-2.
4. Once activated (indicator light ON), the tractor can be driven in reverse with the cutting blades (PTO) engaged.
5. Always look down and behind before and while backing to make sure no children are around. After resuming forward motion, return the key to the NORMAL MOWING position.

The REVERSE CAUTION MODE will remain activated until:

a. The key is placed in either the NORMAL MOWING position or STOP position or

b. The operator leaves the seat.

Driving On Slopes

Refer to the SLOPE GAUGE on page 8 to help determine slopes where you may operate the tractor safely.

WARNING! Do not mow on inclines with a slope in excess of 15 degrees (a rise of approximately 2-½ feet every 10 feet). The tractor could overturn and cause serious injury.

- Mow up and down slopes, NEVER across.
- Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
- Watch for holes, ruts, bumps, rocks, or other hidden objects. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Avoid turns when driving on a slope. If a turn must be made, turn down the slope. Turning up a slope greatly increases the chance of a roll over.
- Avoid stopping when driving up a slope. If it is necessary to stop while driving up a slope, start up smoothly and carefully to reduce the possibility of flipping the tractor over backward.

Engaging the Parking Brake/ Setting the Cruise Control

NOTE: The parking break and cruise control are controlled by the same lever. If using the brake, when the parking brake/cruise control lever the parking brake will engage. If using the drive pedal, when the parking brake/cruise control lever the cruise control will engage.

Parking Brake

NOTE: The parking brake must be set if the operator leaves the seat with the engine running or the engine will automatically shut off.

To set the parking brake:

1. Press the brake pedal completely down with your left foot and hold it in that position.
2. Push the parking brake/cruise control lever downward and hold it in that position.
3. Remove your foot from the brake pedal.
4. Release pressure from the parking brake/cruise control lever.

After completing step 3, the brake pedal should remain in the down position. If it doesn't, the parking brake is *not* engaged. Repeat steps 1-4 to engage the parking brake.

To disengage the parking brake, lightly press the brake pedal .

WARNING! Never leave a running machine unattended. Always disengage PTO, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key to prevent unintended starting

Cruise Control

WARNING! Never engage the cruise control lever while traveling in reverse.

To set the cruise control:

1. Slowly press the upper portion of the drive pedal with your right foot until the desired speed is achieved.
2. Lightly press the parking brake/cruise control lever downward and hold it in that position.
3. Remove your foot from the drive pedal.
4. Release pressure from the parking brake/cruise control lever

After completing step 3, the drive pedal should remain in the down position and the tractor will maintain the same forward speed. If it doesn't, the cruise control is *not* engaged. Repeat steps 1-4 to engage the cruise control.

To disengage the cruise control, lightly press the drive pedal or the brake pedal.

NOTE: Cruise control can not be set at the tractor's fastest ground speed. If the operator should attempt to do so, the tractor will automatically decelerate to the fastest optimal mowing ground speed.

To change the direction of travel from forward to reverse when cruise control is engaged, press the brake pedal to disengage the cruise control and bring the tractor to a complete stop. Then slowly press the reverse pedal with the ball of your foot to travel in reverse.

Using the Deck Lift Lever

To raise the cutting deck, move the deck lift lever to the left, then place it in the notch best suited for your application.

Operating the Headlights

The lamps are ON whenever the ignition key is rotated out of the STOP position. The lamps turn OFF when the ignition key is moved to the STOP position.

Engaging the PTO

Engaging the PTO transfers power to the cutting deck or other (separately available) attachments. To engage the PTO:

1. Move the Throttle/Choke control lever to the FAST (rabbit) position.
2. a. **Models with Manual PTO:** Push the PTO/Blade Engage lever forward into the engaged (ON) position. See Fig. 4-1.

   b. **Models with Electric PTO:** Pull the PTO/Blade Engage knob outward into the engaged (ON) position. See Fig. 4-1.

NOTE: Always operate the tractor with the Throttle/Choke control lever in the FAST (rabbit) position for the most efficient use of the cutting deck or other (separately available) attachments.

Mowing

WARNING! To help avoid blade contact or a thrown object injury, keep bystanders, helpers, children and pets at least 75 feet from the machine while it is in operation. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.

The following information will be helpful when using the cutting deck with your tractor.

WARNING! Plan your mowing pattern to avoid discharge of materials toward roads, sidewalks, bystanders and the like. Also, avoid discharging material against a wall or obstruction which may cause discharged material to ricochet back toward the operator.

- Do not mow at high ground speed, especially if a mulch kit or grass collector is installed.
- Do not cut the grass too short. Short grass is prone to weed growth and yellows quickly in dry weather.
- Always operate the tractor with the throttle lever in the FAST (rabbit) position while mowing.
- For best results it is recommended that the first two laps be cut with the discharge thrown towards the center. After the first two laps, reverse the direction to throw the discharge to the outside for the balance of cutting. This will give a better appearance to the lawn.
- Do NOT attempt to mow heavy brush and weeds or extremely tall grass. Your tractor is designed to mow lawns, NOT clear brush.
- Keep the blades sharp and replace the blades when worn.

Maintenance & Adjustments

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Maintenance Schedule

	Before Each use	Every 10 Hours	Every 25 Hours	Every 50 Hours	Every 100 Hours	Prior to Storing
Clean Hood/Dash Louvers		✓				✓
Check Engine Oil Level	✓					
Check Air Filter for Dirty, Loose or Damaged Parts	✓					
Clean and Re-oil Air Filter's Foam Pre-Cleaner			✓			
Replace Air Filter Element					✓	
Change Engine Oil and Replace Oil Filter				✓		
Clean Battery Terminals		✓				✓
Lube Front Axles and Rims			✓			✓
Clean Engine Cooling Fins			✓			✓
Lube Front Deck Wheels			✓			✓
Lube Deck Spindles			✓			✓
Lube Pedal Pivot Points		✓				✓
Check Spark Plug Condition & Gap					✓	✓
Replace Fuel Filter					✓	

Maintenance

WARNING! Before performing any maintenance or repairs, disengage PTO, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key to prevent unintended starting.

Engine

Refer to the Engine Owner's Manual for all engine maintenance procedures and instructions.

NOTE: Maintenance, repair, or replacement of the emission control devices and systems which are being done at owner's expense may be performed by any engine repair establishment or individual. **Warranty repairs must be an authorized dealer**.

Changing the Engine Oil

WARNING! If the engine has been recently run, the engine, muffler and surrounding metal surfaces will be hot and can cause burns to the skin. Exercise caution to avoid burns.

NOTE: The oil filter should be changed at every oil change interval. To complete an oil change, proceed as follows:

1. Run the engine for a few minutes to allow the oil in the crankcase to warm up. Warm oil will flow more freely and carry away more of the engine sediment which may have settled at the bottom of the crankcase. Use care to avoid burns from hot oil.
2. Open the tractor's hood and locate the oil drain port on the right side of the engine.

3. Pop open the protective cap on the end of the oil drain valve to expose the drain port. See Fig 6-1.

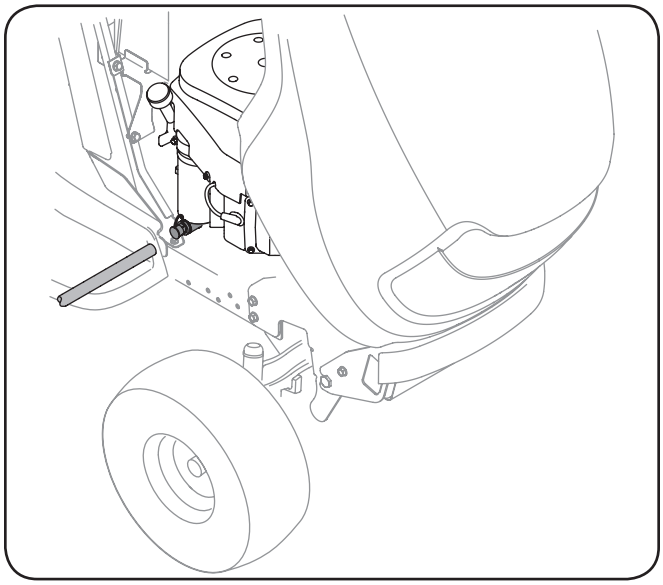

Figure 6-1

4. Remove the oil fill cap/dipstick from the oil fill tube.
5. Push the oil drain hose (packed with this manual) onto the oil drain port. Route the opposite end of the hose into an appropriate oil collection container with at least a 2.5 quart capacity, to collect the used oil.
6. The engine is equipped with either a twist-and-pull drain port or a tabbed drain port. If your engine has the twist-and-pull drain go to step a. If your engine is equipped with the tabbed drain go to step b.
    a. Turn the oil drain valve ¼-turn, then pull outward to begin draining oil. After the oil has finished draining, push the end of the oil drain valve back in and turn ¼-turn to secure it back in place. Re-cap the end of the oil drain valve to keep debris from entering the drain port.
    b. Pinch the tabs on the oil drain valve, then pull outward to begin draining oil. After the oil has finished draining, push the end of the oil drain valve back in, until the tabs click into place. Re-cap the end of the oil drain valve to keep debris from entering the drain port.
7. After the oil has finished draining, push the end of the oil drain valve back in, until the tabs click into place. Re-cap the end of the oil drain valve to keep debris from entering the drain port.
8. Replace the oil filter as instructed in the Engine Owner's Manual.

Refill the engine with new oil. Refer to the Engine Owner's Manual for information regarding the volume and weight of engine oil.

Air Cleaner

Service the pre-cleaner and cartridge/air cleaner element as instructed in the Engine Owner's Manual.

Spark Plug

The spark plug should be cleaned and the gap reset once a season. Refer to the Engine Owner's Manual for correct plug type and gap specifications.

Hydrostatic Transmission

The hydrostatic transmission is sealed at the factory and is maintenance-free. The fluid level cannot be checked and the fluid cannot be changed.

Battery

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 WARNING! Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

The battery is sealed and is maintenance-free. Acid levels cannot be checked and fluid can not be added.

- Always keep the battery cables and terminals clean and free of corrosive build-up.
- After cleaning the battery and terminals, apply a light coat of petroleum jelly or grease to both terminals.

CAUTION: If removing the battery for cleaning, disconnect the NEGATIVE (Black) wire from it's terminal first, followed by the POSITIVE (Red) wire. When re-installing the battery, always connect the POSITIVE (Red) wire its terminal first, followed by the NEGATIVE (Black) wire. Be certain that the wires are connected to the correct terminals; reversing them could result in serious damage to your engine's alternating system.

Cleaning the Tractor

Any fuel or oil spilled on the machine should be wiped off promptly. Do NOT allow debris to accumulate around the cooling fins of the engine, the transmission's cooling fan or on any other part of the machine, especially the belts and pulleys.

Smart Jet

Your tractor's deck is equipped with a water port on its surface as part of its deck wash system.

Use the Smart Jet to rinse grass clippings from the deck's underside and prevent the buildup of corrosive chemicals. Complete the following steps AFTER EACH MOWING:

1. Drive the tractor to a level, clear spot on your lawn, near enough for your garden hose to reach.

CAUTION: Make certain the tractor's discharge chute is directed AWAY from your house, garage, parked cars, etc.

1. Disengage the PTO (Blade Engage), set the parking brake and stop the engine.
2. Thread the hose coupler (packaged with your tractor's Operator's Manual) onto the end of your garden hose.

3. Attach the hose coupler to the water port on your deck's surface. See Fig. 6-2.

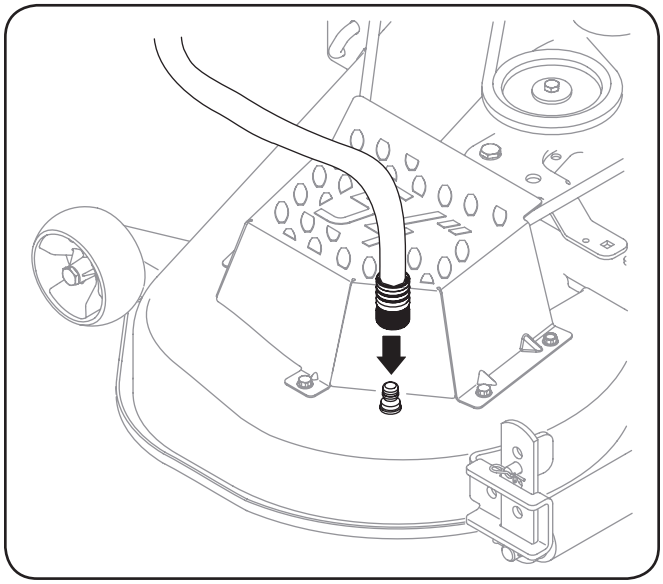

Figure 6-2

4. Turn the water on.
5. While sitting in the operator's position on the tractor, start the engine and place the throttle lever in the FAST (rabbit) position.
6. Move the tractor's PTO (Blade Engage) into the ON position.
7. Remain in the operator's position with the cutting deck engaged for a minimum of two minutes, allowing the underside of the cutting deck to thoroughly rinse.
8. Move the tractor's PTO (Blade Engage) into the OFF position.
9. Turn the ignition key to the STOP position to turn the tractor's engine off.
10. Turn the water off and detach the hose coupler from the water port on your deck's surface.
11. Repeat steps 4 through 11 on the opposite side of the cutting deck.

After cleaning your deck with the Smart Jet system, return to the operator's position and engage the PTO. Keep the cutting deck running for a minimum of two minutes, allowing the underside of the cutting deck to thoroughly dry.

Lubrication

WARNING! Before lubricating, repairing, or inspecting the tractor, always disengage PTO, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key to prevent unintended starting.

Front Wheels

Each of the front wheel axles and rims is equipped with a grease fitting. See Fig. 6-3. Lubricate with a No. 2 multi-purpose grease applied with a grease gun after every 25 hours of tractor operation.

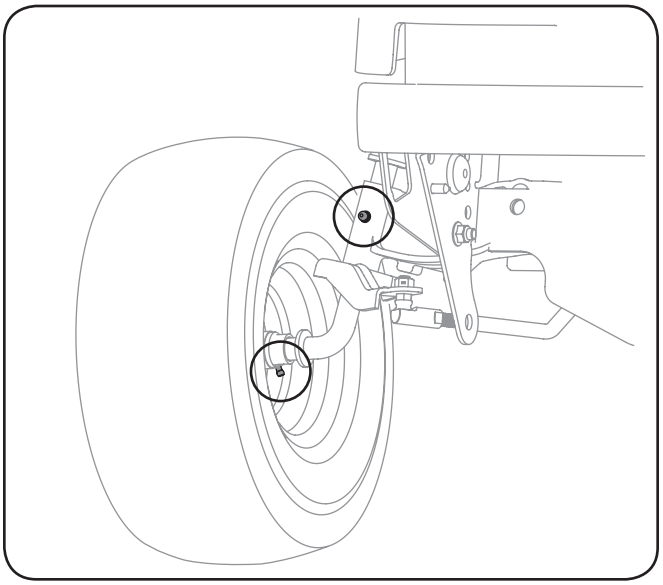

Figure 6-3

Pivot Points & Linkage

Lubricate all the pivot points on the drive system, parking brake and lift linkage at least once a season with light oil.

Deck Wheels

Each of the tractor deck's front gauge wheels is equipped with a grease fitting. Lubricate with a No. 2 multi-purpose grease applied with a grease gun after every 25 hours of tractor operation.

Adjustments

WARNING! Shut the engine off, remove the ignition key and engage the parking brake before making adjustments. Protect your hands by using heavy gloves when handling the blades.

NOTE: Check the tractor's tire pressure before performing any deck leveling adjustments. Refer to Tires on page 28 for information regarding tire pressure.

Leveling the Deck (Front To Rear)

The front of the cutting deck is supported by a stabilizer bar that can be adjusted to level the deck from front to rear. The front of the deck should be between ¼-inch and ⅜-inch lower than the rear of the deck. Adjust if necessary as follows:

1. Park the tractor parked on a firm, level surface and place the deck lift lever in the top notch.
2. Rotate the blade nearest the discharge chute so that it is parallel with the tractor.
3. Measure the distance from the front of the blade tip to the ground and the rear of the blade tip to the ground. The first measurement taken should be between ¼-inch and ⅜-inch less than the second measurement.

Determine the approximate distance necessary for proper adjustment and proceed, if necessary.

1. Locate the hex lock nut on the end of the deck hanger rod. See Fig. 6-4.

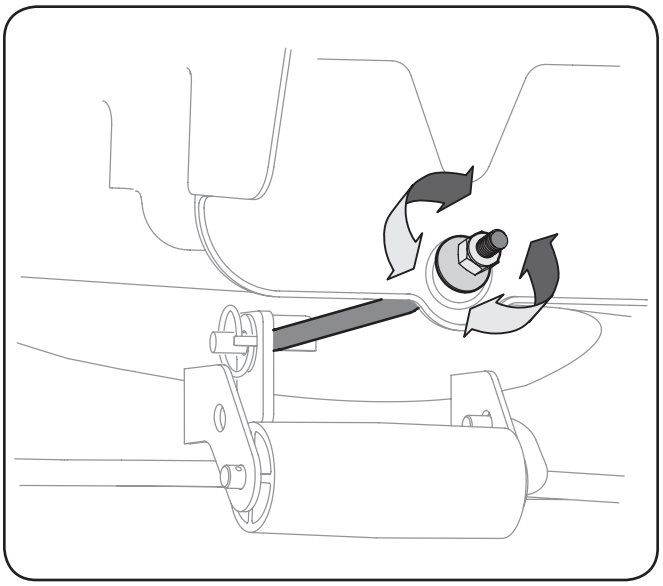

Figure 6-4

- To *raise* the front of the deck, tighten (thread inward) the hex nut against the front hanger bracket.
- To *lower* the front of the deck, loosen (thread outward) the hex nut, away from the front hanger bracket. See Fig. 6-4.

Leveling the Deck (Side to Side)

If the cutting deck appears to be mowing unevenly, a side to side adjustment can be performed. Adjust if necessary as follows:

1. With the tractor parked on a firm, level surface, place the deck lift lever in the top notch (highest position) and rotate both blades so that they are perpendicular with the tractor.
2. Measure the distance from the outside of the left blade tip to the ground and the distance from the outside of the right blade tip to the ground. Both measurements taken should be equal. If they're not, proceed to the next step.
3. Loosen, but do NOT remove, the hex bolt on the left deck hanger bracket. See Fig. 6-5.

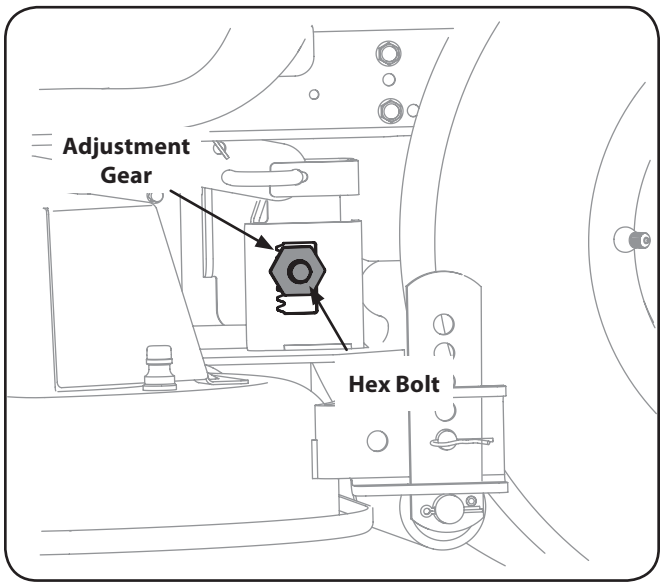

Figure 6-5

4. Using a wrench, raise or lower the left side of the deck by turning the adjustment gear. See Fig. 6-5.

The deck is properly leveled when both blade tip measurements taken earlier are equal. Retighten the hex bolt on the left deck hanger bracket when proper adjustment is achieved.

Parking Brake Adjustment

If the tractor does not come to a complete stop when the brake pedal is completely depressed, or if the tractor's rear wheels can roll with the parking brake applied (and the hydrostatic relief valve open), the brake is in need of adjustment. See your Cub Cadet dealer to have the brake properly adjusted.

Adjusting the Seat

Refer to the Assembly & Set-Up section of this manual for seat adjustment instructions.

WARNING! Before operating the tractor, make sure the seat is engaged in the seat-stop. Engage the parking brake. Stand behind the machine and pull back on seat until it clicks into place.

Steering Adjustment

If the tractor turns tighter in one direction than the other, or if the ball joints are being replaced due to damage or wear, the steering drag links may need to be adjusted.

Adjust the drag links so that equal lengths of each are threaded into the ball joint on the left side and the ball joint on the right side:

1. Remove the hex nut below the ball joint. See Fig. 6-6.

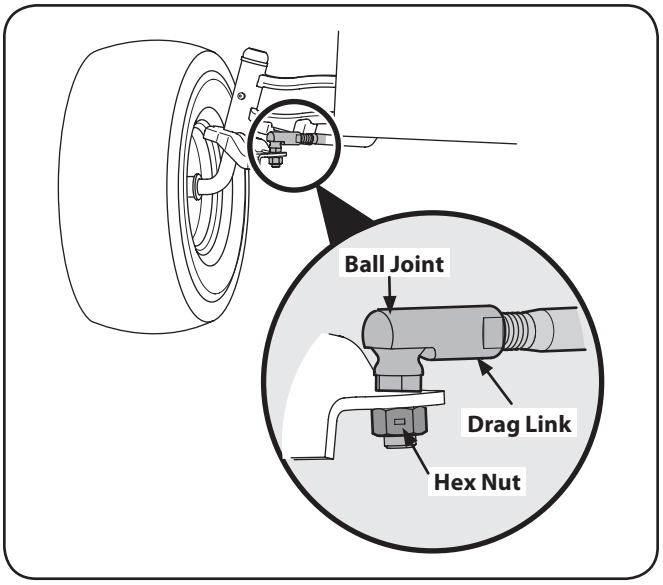

Figure 6-6

2. Thread the ball joint inward to shorten the drag link. Thread the ball joint outward to lengthen the drag link.
3. Replace the hex nut after proper adjustment is achieved.

   NOTE: Threading the ball joints too far onto the drag links will cause the front tires to "toe-in" too far. Proper toe-in is between 1⁄16" and 5⁄16".

Front tire toe-in can be measured as follows:

1. Place the steering wheel in position for straight ahead travel.
2. In front of the axle, measure the distance horizontally from the inside of the left rim to the inside of the right rim. Note the distance.
3. Behind the axle, measure the distance horizontally from the inside of the left rim to the inside of the right rim. Note the distance.
4. The measurement taken in front of the axle should be between 1⁄16" and 5⁄16" less than the measurement taken behind the axle.

Deck Rear Roller Adjustment

The rear rollers on the mower deck are not designed to carry the weight of the deck. The rear rollers should be adjusted to approximately ¼" to ½" above the ground when the deck is moved to the desired cutting height.

Place the tractor on a smooth, flat surface, move the deck to the desired cutting height, and check the height of the rear rollers. If contacting the ground, or above ½" from the ground, adjust the rear rollers as follows:

The deck roller assembly index bracket has five adjustment positions holes.

1. While supporting the roller assembly, remove click pin and withdraw the clevis pin from both the left and right roller index brackets. See Fig. 6-7.

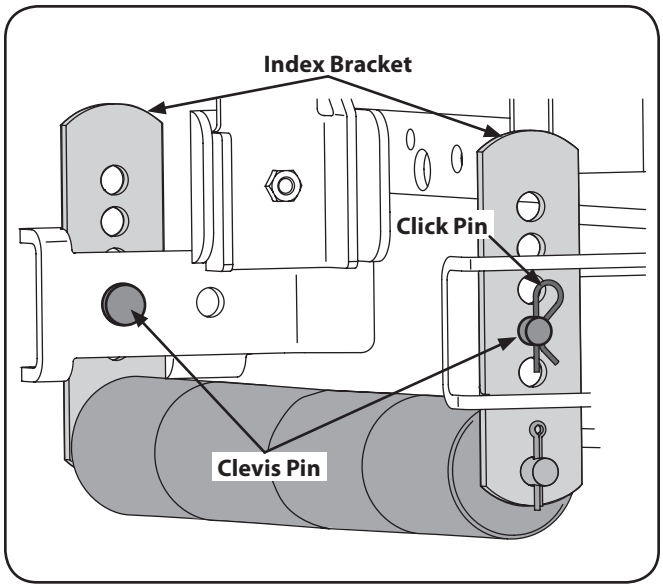

Figure 6-7

2. Position the roller assembly so that the rollers are approximately ¼" to ½" above the flat surface below.
3. Align the nearest index bracket holes with the holes in the deck mounting brackets. Insert the clevis pins through the deck brackets and the index brackets and secure with the click pins. See Fig. 6-7.

   NOTE: The clevis pins should be in the corresponding holes of both the left and right roller index brackets.

Cutting Deck Removal

To remove the cutting deck, proceed as follows:

1. Place the PTO/Blade Engage knob in the disengaged (OFF) position and engage the parking brake.
2. Lower the deck by moving the deck lift lever into the bottom notch on the right fender.
3. Locate the PTO clutch under the front of your tractor. See Fig. 7-1.

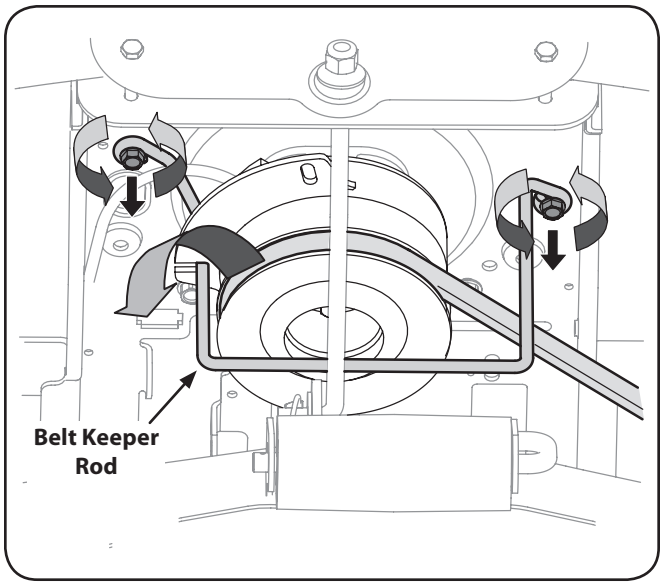

Figure 7-1

4. Remove the belt guard and belt as follows Refer to Fig. 7-1:
   a. Remove the hex screws.
   b. Pull the belt keeper rod to the right and down to remove.
   c. Remove the deck belt from around the tractor's electric PTO clutch.

NOTE: If there is too much tension on the belt for it to be easily removed from the electric PTO clutch, carefully insert a ⅜" drive ratchet wrench (set to *loosen*) into the square hole found in the left-hand deck idler bracket and pivot it toward the tractor's right side to relieve tension on the belt. See Fig. 7-2.

WARNING! Avoid pinching injuries. Never place your fingers on the idler spring or between the belt and a pulley while removing the belt.

5. Looking at the cutting deck from the left side of the tractor, locate the deck support pin on the rear left side of the deck.

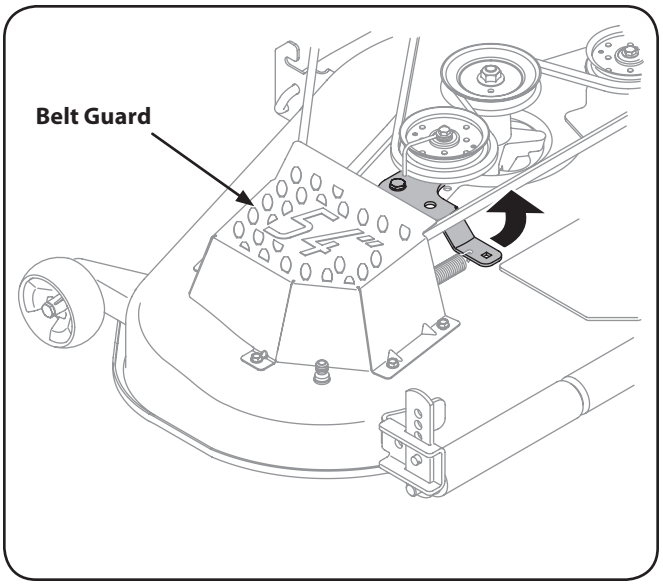

Figure 7-2

6. Pull the deck support pin outward to release the deck from the deck lift arm. See Fig. 7-3.

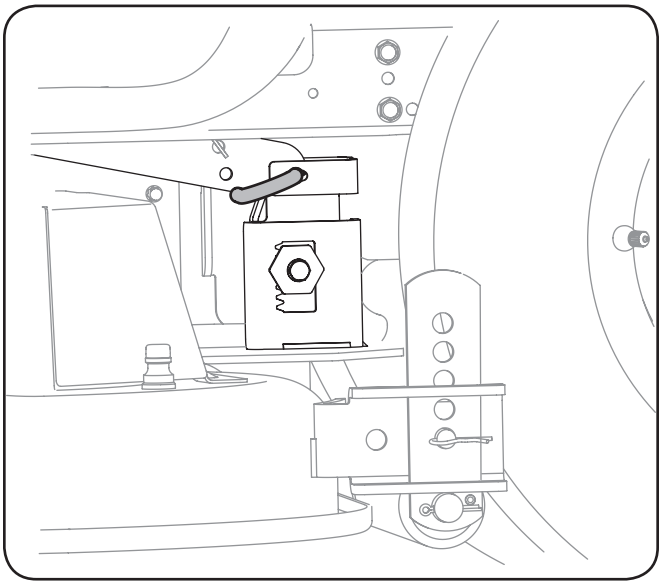

Figure 7-3

7. Repeat the above steps on the tractor's right side.
8. Move the deck lift lever into the top notch to raise the deck lift arms up and out of the way.

9. Remove the bowtie cotter pin connecting the deck sway rod to the tractor frame. See Fig. 7-4.

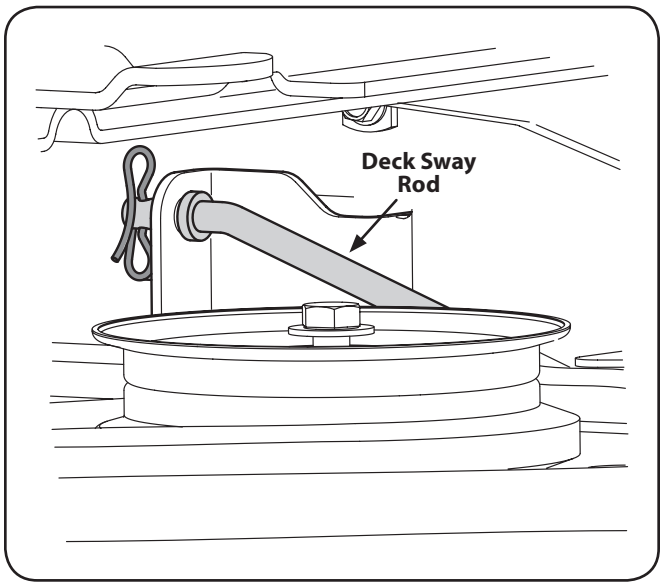

Figure 7-4

10. Remove the cotter pin and flat washer from the end of the stabilizer rod and slide the stabilizer rod out of the hanger bracket on the deck. as shown in Fig. 7-5.
11. Gently slide the cutting deck (from the right side) out from underneath the tractor.
12. Reinstall the belt keeper rod loosened earlier.

CAUTION: Failure to reinstall the belt keeper rod may result in serious damage to your tractor's PTO system.

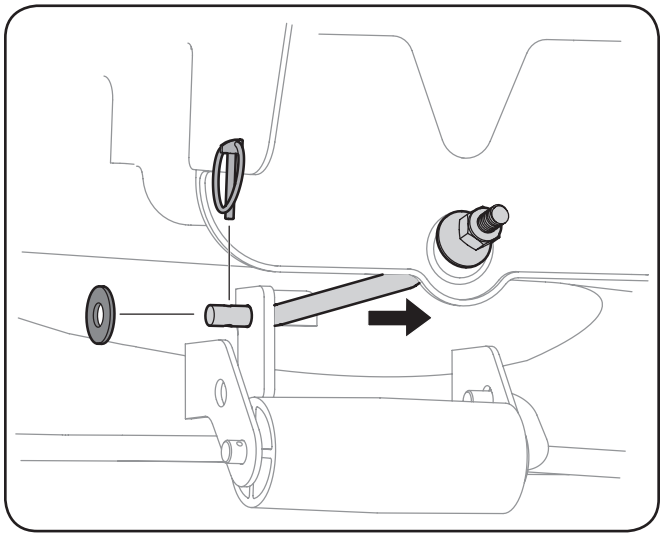

Figure 7-5

Cutting Blades

WARNING! Shut the engine off and remove ignition key before removing the cutting blade(s) for sharpening or replacement. Protect your hands by using heavy gloves when grasping the blade

WARNING! Periodically inspect the blade and/or spindle for cracks or damage, especially after you've struck a foreign object. Do not operate the machine until damaged components are replaced.

To remove the blades, proceed as follows.

1. Remove the deck from beneath the tractor, (refer to Cutting Deck Removal earlier in this section) then gently flip the deck over to expose its underside.
2. Place a block of wood between the center deck housing baffle and the cutting blade to act as a stabilizer. See Fig. 7-6.
3. Remove the hex flange nut that secures the blade to the spindle assembly. See Fig. 7-6.

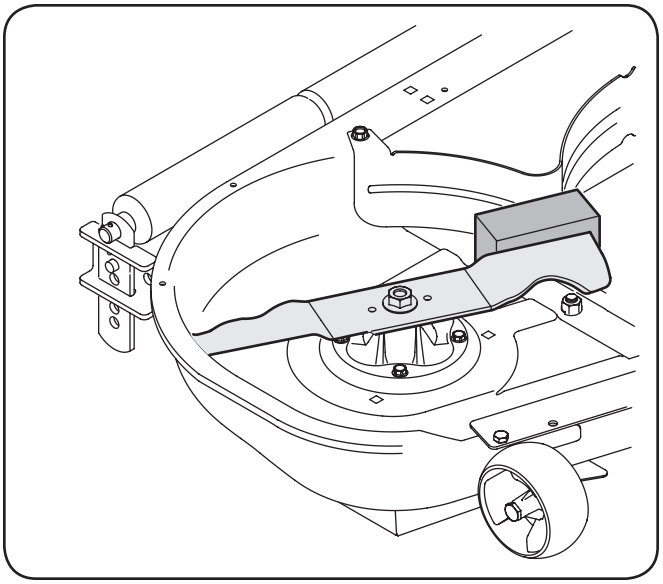

Figure 7-6

4. To properly sharpen the cutting blades, remove equal amounts of metal from both ends of the blades along the cutting edges, parallel to the trailing edge, at a 25°- to 30° angle. Always grind each cutting blade edge equally to maintain proper blade balance. See Fig. 7-7.

CAUTION: If the cutting edge of the blade has previously been sharpened, or if any metal separation is present, replace the blades with new ones.

WARNING! A poorly balanced blade will cause excessive vibration, may damage to the tractor and/or result in personal injury.

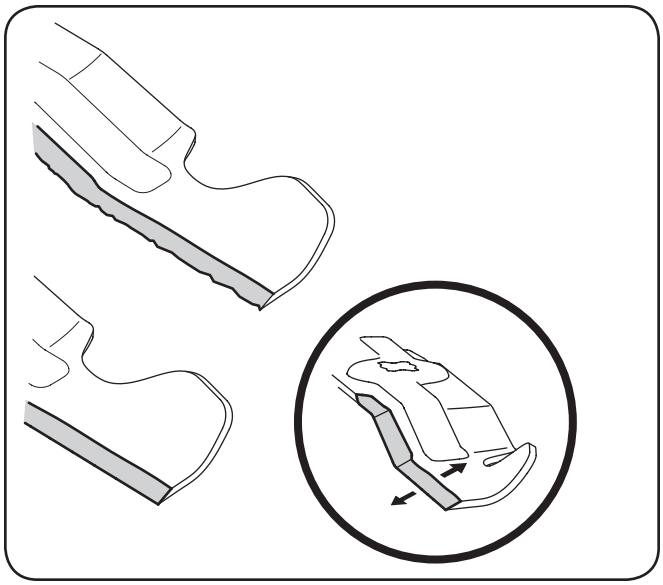

Figure 7-7

5. Test the blade's balance using a blade balancer. Grind metal from the heavy side until it balances evenly.

NOTE: When replacing the blade, be sure to install the blade with the side of the blade marked ''Bottom'' (or with a part number stamped in it) facing the ground when the mower is in the operating position.

CAUTION: Use a torque wrench to tighten the blade spindle hex flange nut to between 70 lbs-ft and 90 lbs-ft.

Tires

WARNING! Never exceed the maximum inflation pressure shown on the sidewall of the tire.

Refer to the tire sidewall for exact tire manufacturer's recommended or maximum psi. Do not overinflate. Uneven tire pressure could cause the cutting deck to mow unevenly.

Battery

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 WARNING! Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

CAUTION: If removing the battery, disconnect the NEGATIVE (Black) wire from it's terminal first, followed by the POSITIVE (Red) wire. When re-installing the battery, always connect the POSITIVE (Red) wire its terminal first, followed by the NEGATIVE (Black) wire.

Jump Starting

WARNING! Never jump start a damaged or frozen battery. Be certain the vehicles do not touch, and ignitions are off. Do not allow cable clamps to touch.

1. Connect positive (+) cable to positive post (+) of your tractor's discharged battery.
2. Connect the other end of the cable to the (positive +) post of the jumper battery.
3. Connect the second cable negative (–) to the other post of the jumper battery.
4. Make the final connection on the engine block of the tractor, away from the battery. Attach to a unpainted part to assure a good connection.

CAUTION: If the jumper battery is installed on a vehicle (i.e. car, truck), do NOT start the vehicle's engine when jump starting your tractor.

5. Start the tractor (as instructed in the Operation section of this manual).
6. Set the tractor's parking brake before removing the jumper cables, in reverse order of connection.

Charging

WARNING! Batteries give off an explosive gas while charging. Charge the battery in a well ventilated area and keep away from an open flame or pilot light as on a water heater, space heater, furnace, clothes dryer or other gas appliances.

CAUTION: When charging your tractor's battery, use only a charger designed for 12V lead-acid batteries. Read your battery charger's Owner's Manual prior to charging your tractor's battery. Always follow its instructions and heed its warnings.

If your tractor has not been put into use for an extended period of time, charge the battery as follows:

1. Set your battery charger to deliver a max of 10 amperes.
2. If your battery charger is automatic, charge the battery until the charger indicates that charging is complete. If the charger is not automatic, charge for no fewer than eight hours.

Fuse

WARNING! Before servicing, repairing, or inspecting, always disengage PTO, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key to prevent unintended starting.

A fuse is installed in your tractor's wiring harness to protect the tractor's electrical system from damage caused by excessive amperage.

If the electrical system does not function, or your tractor's engine will not crank, first check to be certain that the fuse has not blown. It is located under the hood, mounted behind the top of the dash panel on the support bar.

CAUTION: Always use a replacement fuse with the same amperage capacity as the blown fuse.

Changing the Deck Belt

WARNING! Shut the engine off and remove ignition key before removing the cutting blade(s) for sharpening or replacement. Protect your hands by using heavy gloves when grasping blades and pulleys.

WARNING! The V-belts found on your tractor are specially designed to engage and disengage safely. A substitute (non-OEM) V-belt can be dangerous by not disengaging completely. For a proper working machine, use factory approved belts.

All belts on your tractor are subject to wear and should be replaced if any signs of wear are present . To change or replace the deck belt on your tractor, proceed as follows:

1. Remove the deck as instructed in the Cutting Deck section.
2. Remove the belt guards by removing the hex washer screws that fasten them to the deck. See Fig. 7-8.
3. Loosen, but do not remove the belt keeper rod on the pulley located near the back of the deck. See Fig. 7-8.

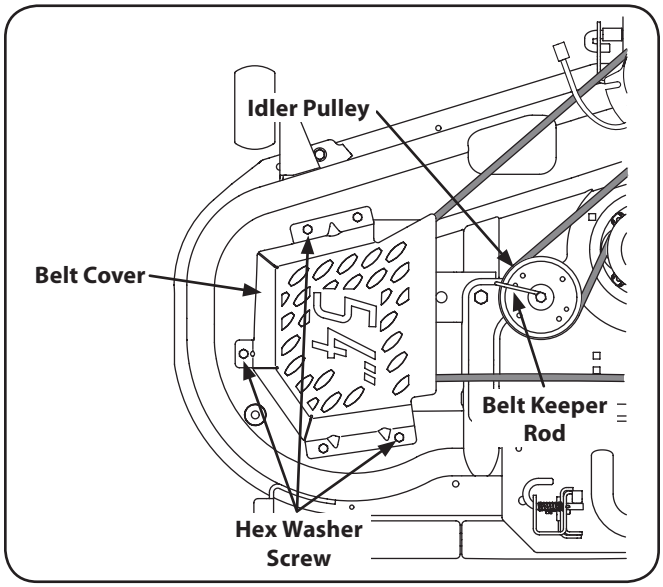

Figure 7-8

4. Remove the deck belt from around the three spindle pulleys and the two deck idler pulleys.

   NOTE: The idler pulleys may have to be loosened, but not removed, in order to remove the belt from around them.
5. To place the new belt, begin by routing the belt around the two outer spindle pulleys, then around the front spindle pulley as shown in Fig. 7-9.
6. Route the belt around the two deck idler pulleys as shown in Fig. 7-9.
7. Retighten the belt keeper rod loosened earlier.

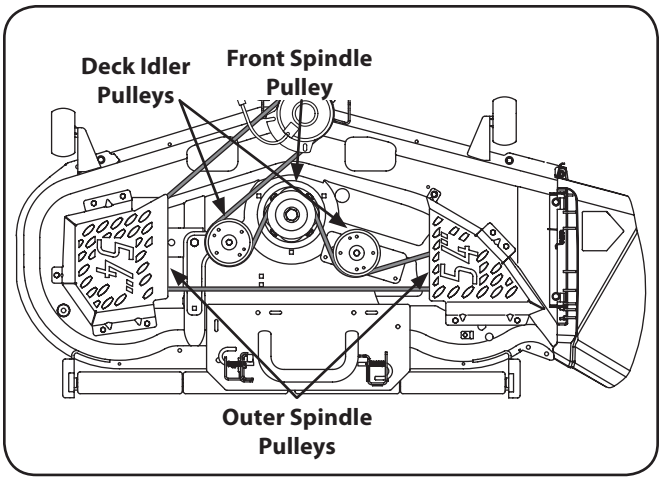

Figure 7-9

CAUTION: Failure to reinstall the belt keeper rod may result in serious damage to your tractor's PTO system.

8. Remount the belt guards removed earlier.
9. Reinstall the deck making sure the belt remains routed around the pulleys as instructed.
10. Pull the right side of the belt and place the narrow V side of the belt into the PTO pulley. See Fig. 7-10.
11. While holding the belt and pulley together, rotate the pulley to the left (See Fig. 7-10). Continue holding and rotating the pulley and belt until the belt is fully rolled into the PTO pulley.

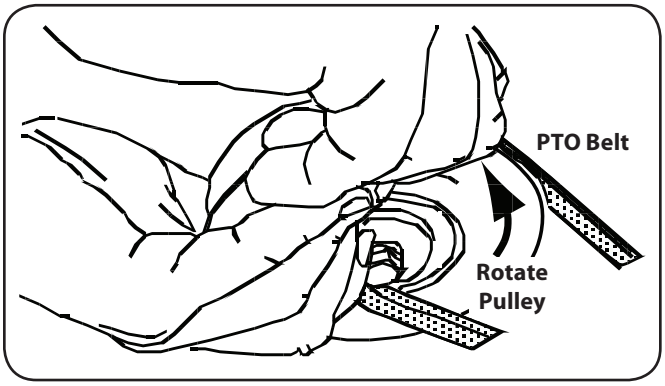

Figure 7-10

Changing the Transmission Drive Belt

Several components must be removed and special tools used in order to change the tractor's transmission drive belt. See your authorized dealer to have the transmission drive belt replaced.

Troubleshooting

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Problem	Cause	Remedy
Engine fails to start	1. PTO/Blade Engage knob engaged. 2. Parking brake not engaged. 3. Spark plug wire(s) disconnected. 4. Throttle control lever not in correct starting position. 5. Choke not activated 6. Fuel tank empty, or stale fuel. 7. Blocked fuel line. 8. Faulty spark plug(s). 9. Engine flooded.	1. Place knob in disengaged (OFF) position. 2. Engage parking brake. 3. Connect wire(s) to spark plug(s). 4. Place throttle lever to FAST position. 5. Activate the choke. 6. Fill tank with clean, fresh (less than 30 days old) gas. 7. Clean fuel line and replace fuel filter. 8. Clean, adjust gap or replace plug(s). 9. Crank engine with throttle in FAST position.
Engine runs erratic	1. Tractor running with CHOKE activated. 2. Spark plug wire(s) loose. 3. Blocked fuel line or stale fuel. 4. Vent in gas cap plugged. 5. Water or dirt in fuel system. 6. Dirty air cleaner.	1. De-activate the choke. 2. Connect spark plug wire(s). 3. Clean fuel line; fill tank with clean, fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. 4. Clear vent or replace cap if damaged. 5. Drain fuel tank. Refill with clean, fresh gasoline. 6. Replace air cleaner paper element or clean foam pre-cleaner.
Engine overheats	1. Engine oil level low. 2. Air flow restricted.	1. Fill crankcase with proper amount and weight of oil. 2. Clean grass clippings and debris from around the engine's cooling fins and blower housing.
Engine hesitates at high RPM	1. Spark plug(s) gap too close.	1. Remove spark plug(s) and reset the gap.
Engine Idles rough	1. Spark plug(s) fouled, faulty or gap too wide. 2. Dirty air cleaner.	1. Replace spark plug(s). Set plug gap. 2. Replace air cleaner element and/or clean pre-cleaner.
Excessive vibration	1. Cutting blade loose or unbalanced. 2. Damaged or bent cutting blade.	1. Tighten blade and spindle. 2. Replace blade.
Mower will not mulch grass	1. Engine speed too low. 2. Wet grass. 3. Excessively high grass. 4. Dull blade.	1. Place Throttle in FAST (rabbit) position. 2. Do not mulch when grass is wet. 3. Mow once at a high cutting height, then mow again at desired height or make a narrower cutting swath. 4. Sharpen or replace blade.
Uneven cut	1. Deck not leveled properly. 2. Dull blade. 3. Uneven tire pressure.	1. Perform side-to-side deck adjustment. 2. Sharpen or replace blade. 3. Check tire pressure in all four tires.

Attachments & Accessories

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The following attachments and accessories are compatible for your garden tractor. See your dealer or the retailer from which you purchased your tractor for information regarding price and availability.

Model Number	Description
OEM-190-032	Snow Thrower, 42"
19A40002100	Triple Bagger, 54"
OEM-190-784	Wheel Weights, 31 lbs
190-824-101	Electric Sleeve Hitch
190-825-101	Hydraulic Tiller, 30" (requires 190-824)
OEM-190-833	Dozer Blade, 46"
190-841-190	Mulch Kit, 54"
OEM-190-964	Tire Chains, 23"
OEM-190-215	Wheel Weights, 50 lbs
OEM-19A-218	Rear Bracket with Weight Kit
190-679-101	Bumper

Replacement Parts

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Drive Belt (Mowing Deck) 54" Deck	954-04083
Deck Blade 2 in 1	942-0677B
Deck Spindle	918-04608A
Front Deck Wheel	734-04155
Battery	925-1707D
Fuel Tank Cap	951-12182
Throttle/Choke Control Cable	746-04542
Ignition Key	925-1745A
Discharge Chute Assembly	631-04092B

FEDERAL and/or CALIFORNIA EMISSION CONTROL WARRANTY STATEMENT
YOUR WARRANTY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

MTD Consumer Group Inc, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and for those products certified for sale in the state of California, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) are pleased to explain the evaporative emission control system (ECS) warranty on your 2013-2014 small off-road equipment (outdoor equipment). In California, new outdoor equipment must be designed, built and equipped to meet the State's stringent anti-smog standards (in other states, outdoor equipment must be designed, built, and equipped to meet the U.S. EPA small off-road spark ignition engine regulations). MTD Consumer Group Inc must warrant the ECS on your outdoor equipment for the period of time listed below, provided there has been no abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance of the outdoor equipment.

Your ECS may include parts such as fuel tanks, fuel lines, fuel caps, valves, canisters, filters, vapor hoses, clamps, connectors, and other associated emission-related components.

Where a warrantable condition exists, MTD Consumer Group Inc will repair your outdoor equipment at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts, and labor.

MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY COVERAGE:

This emission control system is warranted for two years. If any emission-related part on your outdoor equipment is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by MTD Consumer Group Inc.

OWNER'S WARRANTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

As the outdoor equipment owner, you are responsible for performance of the required maintenance listed in your owner's manual. MTD Consumer Group Inc recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your outdoor equipment, but MTD Consumer Group Inc cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts.

As the outdoor equipment owner, you should however be aware that MTD Consumer Group Inc may deny you warranty coverage if your outdoor equipment or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance, or unapproved modifications.

You are responsible for presenting your outdoor equipment engine to MTD Consumer Group Inc's distribution center or service center as soon as the problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days. If you have a question regarding your warranty coverage, you should contact the MTD Consumer Group Inc Service Department.

In the U.S.A.: at 1-800-800-7310 or at http://support.mtdproducts.com.

In Canada: at 1-800-668-1238 or at http://www.mtdcanada.com

GENERAL EMISSIONS WARRANTY COVERAGE:

MTD Consumer Group Inc warrants to the ultimate purchaser and each subsequent purchaser that the outdoor equipment is: (1) designed, built, and equipped so as to conform with all applicable regulations; and (2) free from defects in materials and workmanship that cause the failure of a warranted part for a period of two years.

The warranty period begins on the date the outdoor equipment is delivered to an ultimate purchaser or first placed into service.

Subject to certain conditions and exclusions as stated below, the warranty on emission-related parts is as follows:

1. Any warranted part that is not scheduled for replacement as required maintenance in the written instructions supplied is warranted for the warranty period stated above. If the part fails during the period of warranty coverage, the part will be repaired or replaced by MTD Consumer Group Inc according to subsection (4) below. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty will be warranted for the remainder of the period.
2. Any warranted part that is scheduled only for regular inspection in the written instructions supplied is warranted for the warranty period stated above. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty will be warranted for the remaining warranty period.
3. Any warranted part that is scheduled for replacement as required maintenance in the written instructions supplied is warranted for the period of time before the first scheduled replacement date for that part. If the part fails before the first scheduled replacement, the part will be repaired or replaced by MTD Consumer Group Inc according to subsection (4) below. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty will be warranted for the remainder of the period prior to the first scheduled replacement point for the part.
4. Repair or replacement of any warranted part under the warranty provisions herein must be performed at a warranty station at no charge to the owner.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions herein, warranty services or repairs will be provided at all of our distribution centers that are franchised to service the subject engines or equipment.
6. The outdoor equipment owner will not be charged for diagnostic labor that is directly associated with diagnosis of a defective, emission-related warranted part, provided that such diagnostic work is performed at a warranty station.
7. MTD Consumer Group Inc is liable for damages to other engine or equipment components proximately caused by a failure under warranty of any warranted part.
8. Throughout the off-road engine and equipment warranty period stated above, MTD Consumer Group Inc will maintain a supply of warranted parts sufficient to meet the expected demand for such parts.

9. Any replacement part may be used in the performance of any warranty maintenance or repairs and must be provided without charge to the owner. Such use will not reduce the warranty obligations of MTD Consumer Group Inc.

10. Add-on or modified parts that are not exempted by the Air Resources Board may not be used. The use of any non-exempted add-on or modified parts by the ultimate purchaser will be grounds for disallowing a warranty claim. MTD Consumer Group Inc will not be liable to warrant failures of warranted parts caused by the use of a non-exempted add-on or modified part.

WARRANTED PARTS:

The repair or replacement of any warranted part otherwise eligible for warranty coverage may be excluded from such warranty coverage if MTD Consumer Group Inc demonstrates that the outdoor equipment has been abused, neglected, or improperly maintained, and that such abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance was the direct cause of the need for repair or replacement of the part. That notwithstanding, any adjustment of a component that has a factory installed, and properly operating, adjustment limiting device is still eligible for warranty coverage. Further, the coverage under this warranty extends only to parts that were present on the off-road equipment purchased.

The following emission warranty parts are covered (if applicable):

1. Fuel Metering System
    - Fuel pump
    - Fuel tank
2. Evaporative Control
    - Fuel hose
    - Fuel hose clamps
    - Tethered fuel cap
    - Carbon canister
    - Vapor lines

NOTE: If you require warranty service in Canada and your product was sold by MTD Products Limited within Canada to the retailer you purchased it from in Canada then the MTD Consumer Group Inc portion of this warranty will be honored by MTD Products Limited in Canada.

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THREE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

The limited warranty set forth below is given by MTD Products Limited with respect to new merchandise purchased and used in Canada and/or its territories and possessions (either entity respectively, "MTD").

MTD warrants this product (excluding its normal wear parts as described below) against defects in material and workmanship for a period of three (3) years commencing on the date of original purchase and will, at its option, repair or replace, free of charge, any part found to be defective in materials or workmanship. This limited warranty shall only apply if this product has been operated and maintained in accordance with the Operator's Manual furnished with the product, and has not been subject to misuse, abuse, commercial use, neglect, accident, improper maintenance, alteration, vandalism, theft, fire, water, or damage because of other peril or natural disaster. Damage resulting from the installation or use of any part, accessory or attachment not approved by MTD for use with the product(s) covered by this manual will void your warranty as to any resulting damage.

Normal wear parts are warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of purchase. Normal wear parts include, but are not limited to items such as: batteries, belts, blades, blade adapters, grass bags, rider deck wheels, seats, snow thrower skid shoes, friction wheels, shave plates, auger spiral rubber, tires, engine oil, air filters and spark plugs.

HOW TO OBTAIN SERVICE: Warranty service is available, WITH PROOF OF PURCHASE, through your local authorized service dealer. To locate the dealer in your area;

In the U.S.A.: Check your Yellow Pages, or contact MTD LLC at P.O. Box 361131, Cleveland, Ohio 44136-0019, or call 1-800-800-7310 or 1-330-220-4683 or log on to our Web site at www.mtdproducts.com.

In Canada: Contact MTD Products Limited, Kitchener, ON N2G 4J1, or call 1-800-668-1238 or log on to our Web site at www.mtdcanada.com.

This limited warranty does not provide coverage in the following cases:

a. The engine or component parts thereof. These items may carry a separate manufacturer's warranty. Refer to applicable manufacturer's warranty for terms and conditions. The Powermore engine is not excluded under this agreement.

b. Log splitter pumps, valves, and cylinders have a separate one-year warranty.

c. Routine maintenance items such as lubricants, filters, blade sharpening, tune-ups, brake adjustments, clutch adjustments, deck adjustments, and normal deterioration of the exterior finish due to use or exposure.

d. Service completed by someone other than an authorized service dealer.

e. MTD does not extend any warranty for products sold or exported outside of Canada, including possessions and territories.

f. Replacement parts that are not genuine MTD parts.

g. Transportation charges and service calls.

h. If Products are used commercially. (MTD may separately offer Limited Commercial Warranties on certain select products. Ask your dealer or retailer for details or contact MTD Service for more information.)

No implied warranty, including any implied warranty of merchantability of fitness for a particular purpose, applies after the applicable period of express written warranty above as to the parts as identified. No other express warranty, whether written or oral, except as mentioned above, given by any person or entity, including a dealer or retailer, with respect to any product, shall bind MTD. During the period of the warranty, the exclusive remedy is repair or replacement of the product as set forth above.

The provisions as set forth in this warranty provide the sole and exclusive remedy arising from the sale. MTD shall not be liable for incidental or consequential loss or damage including, without limitation, expenses incurred for substitute or replacement lawn care services or for rental expenses to temporarily replace a warranted product.

Some jurisdictions do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above exclusions or limitations may not apply to you.

In no event shall recovery of any kind be greater than the amount of the purchase price of the product sold. **Alteration of safety features of the product shall void this warranty**. You assume the risk and liability for loss, damage, or injury to you and your property and/or to others and their property arising out of the misuse or inability to use the product.

This limited warranty shall not extend to anyone other than the original purchaser or to the person for whom it was purchased as a gift.

HOW LOCAL LAWS RELATE TO THIS WARRANTY: This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights that vary in different jurisdictions.

IMPORTANT: Owner must present Original Proof of Purchase to obtain warranty coverage.

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CONSUMER'S WARRANTY
COLUMBIA OUTDOOR
THREE YEARS- 120 Hrs. LIMITED WARRANTY

For three (3) years-120 hrs. whichever come first, from the date of original purchase of COLUMBIA products, COLUMBIA will either repair or replace, at its option, free of charge, F.O.B. factory or authorized service firm, any part found to be defective in material and workmanship. All transportation charges on parts submitted for replacement under this warranty must be paid by the purchaser unless return is requested by COLUMBIA.

This warranty DOES NOT apply to any part which has become inoperative through misuse, excessive use, accident, neglect, improper maintenance or alterations by unauthorized persons.

This limited warranty does not extend to the replacement of parts which are not defective, but where regular usage has exhausted the life of the part.

TRACTOR ATTACHMENT WARRANTY

Mower decks included with, or sold separately, as an attachment for COLUMBIA garden tractors will be warranted according to the above terms of the COLUMBIA THREE (3) YEARS - 120 hrs. limited consumer warranty.

ALL OTHER ATTACHMENTS will be sold under the same conditions as above except the warranty will be ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE.

ENGINES, ELECTRIC START KITS, HYDRO-GEAR, PEERLESS TRANSMISSIONS AND PEERLESS TRANSAXLES ARE WARRANTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE MANUFACTURER. ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THESE COMPONENTS MUST BE HANDLED THROUGH THE RESPECTIVE MANUFACTURERS SERVICE DEALERS.

Belts, light bulbs, clutch parts (friction wheels), grass bags, tires, seats, rider deck wheels and cutting blades are covered by a 60 day limited warranty.

Batteries are warranted against defect for 90 days at 100% of their value and 50% of their value for the period between the 91st day and the 120th day.

Fuses, shear bolts and blade adapters are considered consumable items and as such are not warranted.

Note: Regular maintenance replacement parts and related inspections and adjustments are excluded from coverage when made as part of normal maintenance service.

EXTERIOR FINISH

NORMAL DETERIORATION OF THE EXTERIOR FINISH DUE TO USE OR EXPOSURE TO THE ELEMENTS, CORROSIVE PRODUCTS ETC… IS NOT WARRANTED. LABELS ARE COVERED FOR 1 YEAR FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE OF PURCHASE.

PERSONAL USE

THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS CONSTITUTE COLUMBIA'S ENTIRE WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO ANY PRODUCT PURCHASED AND USED FOR PERSONAL, FAMILY, HOUSEHOLD/RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM COMMERCIAL USAGE.

COMMERCIAL USE

ALL APPLICATIONS OTHER THAN PERSONAL USE AS OUTLINED ABOVE, ARE CONSIDERED COMMERCIAL USAGE.

COLUMBIA products purchased by a company or used for commercial purposes are not covered by any warranty.

WARRANTY SERVICE CAN ONLY BE PERFORMED BY AN AUTHORIZED COLUMBIA SERVICE DEALER. ANY NON-ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PART USED ON OR IN A PRODUCT UNDER WARRANTY WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THAT WARRANTY COVERAGE, AS WILL BE ANY RELATED DAMAGED COMPONENTS RESULTING FROM THE INSTALLATION OF A NON-COLUMBIA REPLACEMENT PART.

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